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## America is Arab enemy No. 2: Zayed

ABU DHABI, Dec 3, (AP): United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan today denounced the United States as the "Arab's No. 2 enemy" for its support of Israel at the expense of the Palestinians.

"Israel is our No. 1 enemy, and America is our No. 2 enemy," he told a press conference at the culmination of nation-wide celebrations marking the 18th anniversary of the UAE.

"America supports Israel in its intransigence against the rightful cause of the Palestinians,"

Sheikh Zayed said. He said the United States stands to lose the friendship of 21 Arab powers by "exaggerating its support for Israel."

Otherwise, he said, the UAE "has warm and friendly relations with America."

Answering a wide range of questions by Arab and foreign reporters, Sheikh Zayed lauded Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for introducing "appreciable changes" for his people.

But he cautioned the Arabs against hinging any

hopes on the US-Soviet summit talks, contending that "the two superpowers care more about their own interests and less about everything else."

The 71-year-old president rejected the concept of Arab unity as a "meaningless hallucination." He stressed that ideas of "integration or co-operation are far more meaningful."

"I have been hearing the term unity for 40 years now but have seen nothing real, nothing tangible, of it," he said. "We have opted for co-operation, as opposed to unity in the common sense of the term in

our parlance."

He was referring to the creation of the Gulf Co-operation Council, a six-nation economic integration and collective defence pact grouping Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the UAE.

"I once told the Syrians 'you squandered unity once and shouldn't ask for a second chance to squander it again'," he said, alluding to Syrian's breakaway from its union with Egypt in 1961.

He insisted that the Arabs will "deal with East

and West on basis of their support for the Arabs... it is essentially a question of reciprocity in kind. If the Americans or any other power is good to us, then we will be good, or better, in repaying this. If she is bad, then we know how to respond."

"We have tried the Soviet Union and found that they build their ties with other powers on mutual respect," he said. "What we hate most is meddling of any power in our country's domestic affairs. The Soviets don't do that."

The Sheikh heaped praise on Britain and, contrary to widespread Arab sentiments, insisted that "the British never colonised us."

"When the British (occupation forces) were here, we had no food to eat," he contended. "What would they colonise us for? In fact, when the British wanted to evacuate our land we asked them to stay on. Britain is the one European power closest to us, a power without drawbacks, a power worthy of respect."

### Singh pledges help for poor

NEW DELHI, Dec 3, (Reuters): V.P. Singh, in his first address as India's new prime minister, today promised to devote half of government resources to villages, where most of the country's 810 million people live.

He also said an independent agency would be set up to investigate corruption, following a scandal over alleged bribes paid by Swedish arms manufacturer Bofors to win a \$1.3-billion artillery contract.

The scandal was one of the main factors leading to the election defeat of Singh's predecessor, Rajiv Gandhi, in the general election late last month.

"Even the prime minister is not above such scrutiny," Singh, who was sworn in yesterday, said in his televised speech. "Our democracy has to be liberated from the evil influence of money power."

He pledged that "if power is a sword, it will be wielded on behalf of the poor and toiling masses."

"India lives in its villages. Today, there is flight of wealth, labour and talent from these villages. As long as this continues, villages will be economically weak," said Singh, an adopted member of a minor princely family.

"We have resolved that at least half of the government resources will be channelled to rural areas," added Singh, who was finance minister and briefly defence minister in the Rajiv government. He resigned in April 1987 amid a furore over his probe into the Bofors scandal.

Singh promised to forgive the debts of landless farmers and rural workers, and to introduce legislation to devolve power from the central government to the villages.

"The fire of hunger can be extinguished by food. But the fire that ignites the mind of the disinherited can only culminate in revolution," he declared.

Singh heads a fragile minority government that depends on the support of two groups that detest each other — the left-wing Marxist parties and the right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party.

Singh said state-run television and radio, which the opposition accused of being a mouthpiece of Rajiv's Congress Party, "would be given autonomy."

## Rebels hold out in Makati; hand-to-hand combat for Aguinaldo



A rebel soldier with a M-30 machine-gun runs to take cover near shops in Makati district. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Crushed'... almost

What they started, we'll finish — Cory; 600 surrender

MANILA, Dec 3, (Agencies): Government forces battled rebellious soldiers among skyscrapers in the financial district today after repulsing the mutineers' assault on military headquarters. More than 600 rebels surrendered.

President Corason Aquino, facing the gravest challenge yet to her nearly four-year administration, ruled out a ceasefire and vowed: "What they started, we will finish."

But she turned down suggestions by cabinet members that she declare a "state of siege," said assistant Press Secretary Lourdes Sytango. That would be tantamount to martial law.

At least 56 people have been killed and more than 500 wounded since Friday, according to hospital and Red Cross figures. That included Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, the officer tasked with securing the financial district. He was wounded today in the leg.

In addition, more than 10,000 people fled their homes to escape the fighting and were housed in schools, churches and other refugee centres. Many shops were closed. Garbage piled high in the streets because workers were prevented from collecting it.

Schools were closed indefinitely but government employees were ordered to report for work tomorrow. Officials planned to reopen the international airport at noon (0400 GMT) tomorrow.

Blasted

Before dawn today, the rebels pounded Camp Aguinaldo, about five miles (eight kilometres) east of Aquino's office, with 105mm howitzers and heavy machine-gun fire.

Rebels blasted through the gates of the sprawling camp with an armoured vehicle, which was struck by ground fire. After a fierce four-hour battle, sometimes hand-to-hand, the rebels sought a ceasefire. Their commander, Maj. Cesar dela Pena, surrendered with about 200 men a few hours later.

Later today, Brig. Gen. Marcelo Blando, commander of Fort Magsaysay, surrendered in the city's Greenhills district with about 400 army soldiers and elite scout rangers, military officials said.

Hundreds of other rebels, however, held out in Makati, where they seized 11 buildings yesterday, including the intercontinental hotel.

Government troops blocked off avenues leading to Makati.

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### Big 2 to work for peace in Lebanon

MARSAXLOKK BAY, Malta, Dec 3, (AP): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said today he agreed with US President George Bush that the superpowers should do "our very best" to help bring peace to Lebanon.

"There's a real chance of taking a decisive step to open a process of a settlement," Gorbachev told a news conference after two days of talks with Bush. "And what it's important to do is not to miss the opportunity to do that, because the situation changes very swiftly."

Bush said: "We have found that the Soviet Union is playing a constructive role in the Lebanon and trying throughout the Middle East" to support a settlement.

He apparently was referring to Moscow's influence with Syria, which has 40,000 troops in Lebanon that have fought with Muslim militia forces against the mostly Christian army of Gen. Michel Aoun.

"We do not want to see any more killing in Lebanon," Bush said, adding that Gorbachev "agrees with us" and has "very actively" supported an Arab League-mediated plan.

"Lebanon was discussed in detail (at the summit), and we would like to see a return to a peaceful, democratic Lebanon," Bush said. "We are trying any way we can to help."

"President Bush thought that we had more possibilities, and I thought that we had equal possibilities in order to resolve positively this conflict," he said.

"It seems to me we do have an understanding between us that we must do our very best, independently and together, to promote a solution to this problem," Gorbachev said.

He said he and Bush agreed that the peace plan had opened an opportunity for a settlement.

"We think that we will make our contribution to that," Gorbachev said. (See Page 7)



Mutual appreciation  
Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev smiles as US President George Bush (left) tries on a translation headphone during their joint press conference on the Soviet cruise liner Maxim Gorky. (Reuters wire-photo)

### Entire GDR leadership quits

EAST BERLIN, Dec 3, (UPI): The entire East German leadership in the Communist Party's Politburo and central committee resigned today at a crisis meeting. Politburo member Guenter Schabowski said in East Berlin.

He said a "working commission" would be formed to take over preparations for a Dec 15 to 17 extraordinary party meeting, when a new leadership is expected to be named.

"The Politburo accepts the criticism of large parts of the (Communist Party) membership that the current leadership of the party was not in a position to fully uncover the serious misdemeanours of members of the former Politburo and to draw the necessary consequences," he said.

The East German news agency, ADN, said the 160-man central committee had also resigned.

### Top Lanka artist Silva shot dead

COLOMBO, Dec 3, (Kuna): Troops shot dead early today Sri Lanka's top stage comedian Nihal Silva when he allegedly ignored a military checkpoint south of Colombo.

Better known as Sergeant Nallathandi whose stage play of a Tamil police sergeant had completed its thousandth showing on Friday, Silva died when troops shot at his car just past midnight today, police sources said. (See Page 2)

## Gulf faces 'concrete' hazard

### Climate eats up cities

BAHRAIN, Dec 3, (Reuters): The climate in the Gulf, one of the harshest in the world, is eating away the buildings at the heart of its cities.

Crumbling concrete is not good news for the region's oil-exporting states, already in deficit due to crumbling oil prices in the 1980s.

Just when most Gulf Arab states thought their basic economic infrastructures were complete, they now face the seemingly never-ending expense of multi-billion dollar maintenance and reconstruction programmes.

"Operations and maintenance are going to be a big budget burden of the 1990s," said a Gulf-based senior bank economist.

The problem arises from a chemical reaction between the hot, humid climate and the sand and steel ingredients used to make concrete, construction industry experts say.

British expert Adam Neville said reinforced concrete was corroded in the Gulf three to four times faster than in Britain.

Summer temperatures of 38 to 50 degrees Centigrade (100 to 122 Fahrenheit), coupled with humidity often well over 90 per cent, activate the chlorides in sand-based concrete.

These corrosive salts oxidise a building's reinforcing steel rod skeletons and the whole edifice begins to crack and crumble.

The problem is compounded because knowledge of the long-term corrosive effects was not sufficiently advanced when many buildings were constructed during the building boom generated by high oil prices in the 1970s.

For example a lot of sand for concrete was taken from the Gulf and the sea salts, full of corrosive chlorides, were not properly washed out, the experts said.

"Since then, better aggregates, purer water has been used, and there is better supervision. Concrete is water-proofed better," said one construction industry manager.

But nothing will stop the climate completely. "The climate is very, very aggressive. You are still going to get problems in 20 years. You will never get the 50 years you can expect in Europe," said one expert with a local construction company.

Some older structures have proved too costly to repair. For example, two wings of Bahrain's Gulf Hotel, built in the 1960s, have been demolished. A hotel spokesman said they were deteriorating too rapidly due to high salt content.

Without further technological advances, Gulf Arab states face the costs, including depreciation and insurance, of renewing infrastructures near the coast about once every two decades, economists said.

Inland, the weather is kinder to man-made structures but the desert sands, which buried a dozen ancient civilisations, have little respect for 20th century constructions.

Sand plus wind acts as a natural abrasive on buildings while the desert dunes, creeping inexorably forward at a rate of a few feet a year, must be constantly held back.

### Sikh seeks peace

Undercover activities 'must stop'

AMRITSAR, Dec 3, (Agencies): A Sikh militant newly-elected to Parliament and just freed from jail and from charges he plotted the assassination of former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi, said today he wanted to bring peace to Punjab.

"We will try and bring peace and tranquility back to Punjab," former senior policeman Simranjit Singh Mann said.

Mann, one of nine hardliners voted into Parliament last week, was speaking shortly after he was freed from jail, the charges against him dropped, and flown to Amritsar, the Sikh holy city.

He said he had no immediate ideas of how peace would be returned to Punjab, where a bloody Sikh separatist campaign has cost more than 1,900 lives this year.

"I have been totally out of touch during five years in jail. I don't know what is going on. Please give me some time," he said in an interview.

Mann said the new government replacing that of Rajiv Gandhi, Indira Gandhi's son, would have to end what he called its undercover activities stirring trouble if peace were to be established.

He said he had heard from other Sikh leaders in the hours since his release of government agents robbing, stealing, extorting and even killing in the guise of militants.

"The government must expose these acts," he said Mann, who was mobbed by supporters when he went to the Golden Temple, Sikhdom's holiest shrine.

Another alleged conspirator elected to Parliament from his prison cell, Atinder Pal Singh, was expected to be freed next week.

## Peace with Iran is close, says Saddam

BAGHDAD, Dec 3, (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said yesterday that full peace with Iran was close and he held out the possibility of a summit with his long-time foes.

"I used to tell you that victory was at hand," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted Saddam as telling relatives of the dead from the eight-year Gulf war.

"Now I see peace is coming and with God's help I can say I feel it with my hands."

Saddam said once some progress had been made towards peace, "a meeting could be held at the level of the two countries' leadership... whether in Baghdad or Tehran or any other place to be agreed."

Such a summit could "solve all the issues and enable the two countries to live in peace and stabilise the region," INA quoted the Iraqi President as saying.

He said he based his optimism

that peace was at hand on a "wide and deep analysis of the situation in the world and in the region as well as on Iraq's growing ability to (achieve) peace."

He regretted that both sides were still holding thousands of prisoners of war.

"The reason is that the Iranian authorities want to use the POWs as a card for compromise, contrary to international agreements," Hussein said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali

Akbar Velayati today reiterated that Iraq must withdraw its troops from Iranian territory before any prisoner-of-war exchange can take place.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said he made the comment after meeting in Tehran with the head of Middle East operations for the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross, Angelo Gnadinger.

**Final results**

Final results in the Indian General Election after 525 seats declared out of 525 contested:

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| Congress (and regional allies)             | 209 |
| National Front                             | 144 |
| Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)               | 88  |
| Communist Party of India - Marxist (CPI-M) | 32  |
| Communist Party of India (CPI)             | 12  |
| Others                                     | 40  |

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Ahmad: 13°C 55°F

Falaka: 13°C 55°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 16°C 61°F

Ahmad: 15°C 59°F

Falaka: 15°C 59°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 82 per cent

Ahmad: 86 per cent

Falaka: 100 per cent

# Protests mark Bhopal tragedy

800 held in CPI-organised marches

BHOPAL, India, Dec 3, (AP): Police today arrested about 800 protesters who tried to enter the Union Carbide plant that was the source of a gas leak that killed at least 3,598 people.

Today was the fifth anniversary of the world's worst industrial accident. Before marching towards the plant, the protesters burned two 10-foot (3-metre) effigies representing the US-based multinational company.

"Down with Union Carbide," the crowd shouted, as hundreds of helmeted policemen armed with batons watched from behind steel barricades before the pesticide plant's main gate.

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# Saudi jet bomb still a puzzle

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Dec 3, (AP): Pakistani investigators are still puzzled over last month's bizarre extortion attempt that threatened all 339 people aboard a Saudi Arabian Airlines jet.

Only a loose wire prevented what police described as a sloppy-crafted bomb from exploding aboard a US-built Boeing 747 jet en route to Jeddah from the Pakistani capital of Islamabad on Nov 23.

A police spokesman, who refused to be

identified, said investigators have cleared all the passengers and have no suspects in custody.

Police said a letter demanding \$15 million was delivered to Islamabad airport security staff while the aircraft was over the Arabian Sea enroute to Jeddah. It said that if the money wasn't delivered, someone on the plane would blow it up.

"It doesn't make any sense," the spokesman said. "Why would someone get on the

plane if you have already planted the bomb?"

It was diverted to Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi, where passengers and baggage were unloaded.

The explosive device was discovered in an untagged school bag. The police official said investigators were still trying to discover how it managed to get through airport security unchecked.

The note was delivered a half hour after the bomb was timed to detonate, police said, unable to explain why the bomber would make the demand after the device was set to go off.

The bomb was set to go off only 35 minutes after the plane took off, but a battery had apparently jammed loose, detaching a wire to the detonator.

Police said they had no clues to a possible motive behind the extortion attempt.

## Delhi denies pullout report

COLOMBO, Dec 3, (Agencies): Soldiers today shot dead a leading film star because he refused orders to stop at a road block in Colombo, while authorities elsewhere reported 102 Sinhalese radicals surrendered under a government amnesty programme.

In another development, New Delhi denied a report that Indian Prime Minister V. P. Singh had ordered the withdrawal of all Indian troops from Sri Lanka, which were dispatched to guard the interests of Hindu Tamils in the predominantly Sinhalese country.

Anti-government rebels ambushed two truckloads of soldiers near the town of Vavuniya in northern Sri Lanka today, killing 17 of them, military sources said.

The soldiers were returning to their camp after home leave when they were attacked at Madukande, five km south of Vavuniya. "One truck escaped in the firefight while the second vehicle was missing. We were informed later that 17 soldiers had been killed," one source said.

Controls The Tamil National Army (TNA), which controls the Tamil-dominated northeast region of the island, was blamed for the attack.

Varatharaja Perumal, chief minister of the northeast province, has denied charges by the Colombo government that he formed the TNA to protect his administration.

Perumal's party, the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, is fighting with Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam guerrillas for control of Tamil areas.

Last month, about 300 people were killed in TNA attacks on five police stations in the eastern Ampara district. The rebels fled the area after Sri Lankan troops were sent in.

Colombo claimed today scores of members of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) — or People's Liberation Front — turned themselves in during the past three days under a government amnesty offer aimed at defusing escalating violence.

Last month, Sri Lankan authorities killed the group's top leaders, touching off a backlash of fighting between government troops and the insurgents, who want to overthrow the government.

The offer ends tomorrow and authorities reported 115 JVP activists had sought amnesty during a 24-hour period ending at 6 am today.

But during the same period, five people were killed in violence linked to the JVP insurgency, including two JVP members killed by security forces. The two-year-old movement has left more than 10,000 dead.

A senior military official reported soldiers opened fire at Nihal Silva, 38, when the leading actor in Sinhalese-language cinema sped through a roadblock and refused orders to stop in the southern Colombo suburb of Kalubovila.

"He was acting in a stage play last night and went to drop off his friend," the official said. "On his way back home he failed to stop at an army check point. He was killed on the spot."

Silva had received death threats from the JVP for being a staunch supporter of the ruling United National Party, which he campaigned for during last December's presidential elections.

#### Response

The Indian Foreign Ministry issued a statement that "there has been no change in the withdrawal schedule" of about 50,000 Indian soldiers deployed in the island's northeast to implement a plan aimed at ending a rebellion by the mostly Hindu Tamil minority.

The declaration was apparently in response to news reports that Singh's first action yesterday was to order a pullout from Sri Lanka's northern Mannar district.



A woman is comforted after the explosion. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Blast kills a dozen

Fire at Brussels shooting club

BRUSSELS, Dec 3, (AP): A fire and gunpowder explosions today killed a dozen people and injured eight others at a shooting club in suburban Brussels, officials said.

Steven Onza of the emergency co-ordination centre said most of the victims were seriously burned when they were unable to escape from the engulfing fire and gunpowder explosions at the "109 Club." Three of the injured had to be taken to a military hospital for treatment of severe burns.

The accident happened when some of the 40 people at the club were at the range for shooting practice. "We were target shooting and all of a sudden a fire started at our side," an unidentified survivor told BRT state television.

Explosions of the munitions followed as the people at the club tried to flee. The explosions must have been bad because it

ripped out the front door" of the club, another witness said.

The cause of the mid-day blast has not been determined, although police officials said sound isolation material around the range must have caught fire.

Police spokesman Christian Capelle said this could have been caused when a spark touched off gunpowder residue in the air and on the floor.

Emergency services were on the spot a few minutes after the accident but most of the victims had already died.

Officials said the club had renovated its practice stand to improve safety only last year. The owner of the club was among the victims.

The club, which has about 250 members, is housed in an old building near a busy boulevard in the suburb of Jette, about six kilometres (four miles) from the centre of Brussels.

## Role of brain's physiology in committing a murder

# Legal debate over scanning

IRVINE, California, (Reuters): A highly advanced form of brain scan has placed a California doctor at the centre of a legal controversy — what role does the brain's physiology play in murder?

Dr Monte Buchsbaum has conducted brain scans on about 500 people but it is a handful of notorious patients that have brought him to the attention of the courts.

Buchsbaum's rainbow-coloured diagrams of the brain have been done for a man who said voices from a television told him to kill his family, a murderer whose lawyers said he may be suffering from a shrinking brain and a computer operator whose prosecutors believe could be the worst serial killer in American history.

Buchsbaum's brain imaging centre on the University of California's Irvine Campus, south of Los Angeles, is one of only a few medical facilities around the world equipped to perform a PET (positron emis-

sion tomography) scan.

To defence lawyers, what the professor of psychiatry and neurology is doing with his PET scan could provide vital mitigating evidence for a jury.

To prosecutors, it is a dangerous irrelevance. "It is fraught with problems. It is not relevant to the criminal justice community," said Bryan Brown, a deputy district prosecutor in Orange County.

"This is the psychiatry of the future," Buchsbaum, 49, says as he shows off his centre, which features everything from a tattered leather armchair to a \$2 million cyclotron.

The person to be scanned sits in the chair and is given a mental task to perform. While the task is being performed, a solution containing radioactive sugar that is produced in the cyclotron is injected into the patient's bloodstream.

The PET scanner itself measures the amount of sugar, or energy, consumed by the brain

during the task. It is able to do this because the radioactivity remains for up to two hours in areas of the brain where sugar was consumed.

The crude picture of radioactive residue in the brain is then built up by computer into a colour-coded image that is about the size of a thumbprint. The images show areas of abnormal energy consumption in the brain that may indicate disorder or injury.

According to Buchsbaum, the PET scan probes deeper into the brain than other techniques, such as the traditional electroencephalogram (EEG), and is unique in its ability to show how the brain behaves during a mental task.

Buchsbaum stresses that his main focus is to research serious mental illness and he has been conservative about getting involved in the criminal justice field.

"My goal is not to save the serial killers," he said. "I am

really interested in how the brain functions and my role is to provide scientific information."

But the defence lawyers are less circumspect in their hopes for the PET scan. Especially in death penalty cases.

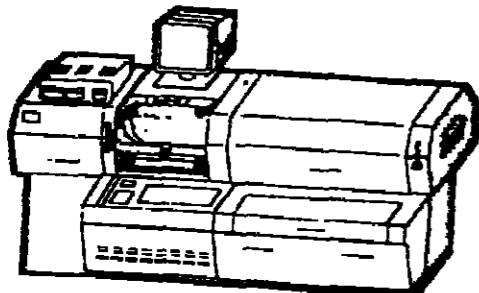
"We have clients who have committed all manner of aberrant behaviour," said Elisabeth Semel of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice. "With this, we can say 'he's not possessed with the devil or a bad seed but does not have the ability to control his conduct.' May be we can get the jury to feel compassion."

Buchsbaum first testified in a murder trial in Santa Barbara in 1985. He said results of a PET scan were consistent with other testimony that Barry Mc Namara was schizophrenic.

McNamara, who said he killed his parents, sister and niece after hearing voice from a television, was sentenced to life in prison without parole instead of the gas chamber.

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## Teresa resting

CALCUTTA, Dec 3, (AP): Noble laureate Mother Teresa rested comfortably today two days after surgeons implanted a pacemaker to restore normality in her heart beats, hospital sources said.

The 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun who suffered a heart attack in September was admitted on Wednesday to Woodlands Nursing Home with high blood pressure and giddiness on Wednesday.

"She is doing fine," said a hospital source.

Mother Teresa, who won the 1979 Nobel peace prize for her work among the poor, suffered a heart attack on September.

Her condition worsened until a temporary pacemaker stabilised her heart. Doctors had attributed the illness to her hectic schedule at the Missionaries of Charity.

The Yugoslav-born nun founded the charity in October 1959 in an abandoned hostel donated by the city.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

**HELSINKI, Finland:** A 38-year-old British bank robber surrendered after his getaway car froze to a roadside, newspapers have reported.

The man, who was not identified, confessed to three bank robberies in Finland since August and two in Sweden, the media reported Monday.

Police found the abandoned British-registered car on the road outside Helsinki, where temperatures have fallen to far below freezing.

The man reportedly told police after the breakdown that it was futile for him to remain a fugitive. (AP)

**LOS ANGELES:** Actor Jack Lemmon, winner of two Academy Awards, was named the recipient of the Screen Actors Guild's highest honour, its annual Achievement Award.

Lemmon, 64, will receive the award at the Guild's yearly membership meeting December 10, the Guild said Tuesday.

The annual award, the only national honour bestowed by the union, goes to a guild member for outstanding career achievement and contributions to charitable and humanitarian causes. (AP)

**NEW YORK:** When actor Milo O'Shea was recruited for the Broadway musical "Meet Me in St. Louis," he was excited about returning to the stage. But that was before he knew it contained a scene requiring ice skating.

"In Ireland, my country, they do not have ice skating. The winters are too mild," O'Shea said in a television interview Tuesday.

O'Shea said he figured when the show's producers asked if he could skate, they meant roller skate. He was wrong.

"So I went along and they presented me with ice skates, and I was horrified," O'Shea recalled. "I said I had never ice skated. They said, 'don't worry. We got a very good skating school who'll show you how.'" (AP)

**AFTON, New York:** A would-be Santa Claus says he lost one of his reindeer "to a hunter on the first day of deer season."

One of the dozen European follow deer at Santa's cottage escaped from his pen on Thanksgiving, said owner Fred Krig.

"A hunter thought the deer was wild and shot it," said Krig, who gives tours and holds holiday events at the farm for needy children.

The hunter realised his mistake and offered to pay for the deer, valued at \$800.

"I told him the idea of his calling to apologise was plenty," said Krig, who invited the hunter to bring his family to Santa's cottage whenever he wants. (AP)



Martin honoured

Actress Mary Martin is escorted by son Larry Hagman during ceremonies at John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts in Washington Dec 2. Martin and others were honoured for their contributions to the performing arts. (Reuters wirephoto)

**MONROE, Connecticut:** Chopping down a Christmas tree from Monroe's town park is a foul idea, and town officials plan to make sure everyone agrees.

All the evergreens in the town's three parks are being sprayed with a foul-smelling mixture to dissuade people from robbing the parks for Christmas trees.

"You can't smell it outdoors, but when you bring the tree inside and it warms up, bang. You have a pungent, stinky odour," said park ranger David Solek. (AP)

**LOS ANGELES:** Singer-composer George Harrison says three out of four Beatles equals no reunion.

Such a gathering would be a hollow exercise without John Lennon, the former member of the "fab four" who was slain by a fan.

"What good are three Beatles without John?" Harrison told the Associated Press on Tuesday. "It's too far in the past."

Harrison made his comments after Paul McCartney was quoted as saying a reunion with Harrison and drummer Ringo Starr was possible now that litigation between the former band members has been settled. (AP)

**ROYAL OAK, Michigan:** A thief apparently drove away in a stolen car without noticing a quadriplegic 10-year-old boy on the back seat, but the boy was found unharmed in the parked car nearly three hours later.

Carl Michael Walker and his father's rented 1990 Lincoln Town Car were recovered Monday in the neighbouring Detroit suburb of Birmingham, police said.

"I imagine it was merely a crime of opportunity where someone saw that brand new Town Car and wanted to steal it," Royal Oak police lieutenant Don Novak said. "I assume they did not realise the child was in the back seat."

"It turned out to be a happy ending." (AP)

**AMSTERDAM, Netherlands:** Police recovered 81 Andy Warhol lithographs that had been stolen from a West German art gallery two months ago, police said Wednesday.

Seven persons were arrested, said police spokesman Kees Rameau. The suspects were not identified in line with Dutch judicial practice, but Rameau said they included two Britons and two Yugoslavs.

The lithographs were stolen from an art gallery near Born in September as part of a theft of artwork with an estimated value of \$3 million, Rameau said. (AP)

**GLOSTER, Mississippi:** An irate woman allegedly held her daughter's eighth-grade class at gunpoint for 20 minutes, claiming her daughter had been harassed by boys at the school.

No one was injured in Monday's incident at Gloster Elementary School in southwest Mississippi.

Roxie W. Meek, 36, surrendered to police and was charged with aggravated assault, officials said.

# Conspiracy of silence

## Sydney refuge for Nazi war criminals

**SYDNEY, Dec 3, (Reuters):** Hundreds of Nazi war criminals have been protected in Australia for more than 40 years by an official conspiracy of silence, according to Australian author and broadcaster Mark Aarons.

Aarons writes in his new book "Sanctuary" that British and US screening officials hid the dark past of Nazis who entered Australia with more than 200,000 refugees after World War Two.

The book, published in November after more than 10 years of research around the world, describes how Western intelligence bodies used Nazi criminals as anti-communist agents in Europe, then quietly sent them elsewhere.

"Australia was chosen as one of these dumping grounds," the 37-year-old author said in a recent interview.

"Our security services knew who they were, but they were turning a blind eye. It was the era of the cold war. These people were seen as anti-communists and useful foot soldiers in the struggle against the red menace," he said.

Nazi criminals and their collaborators in many East European countries also found safe haven in the United States, Britain and Canada, Aarons writes.



Ljeko Urbancic sits with a picture of Queen Elizabeth II behind him in his Sydney office. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sceptics express doubts over \$400m building

## World's tallest tower plan

**CHICAGO, Dec 3, (AP):** Plans are moving forward for an office building that would replace the Sears Tower as the world's tallest, but a few developers said it remains to be seen whether excitement in the business community will rise as high.

The Chicago planning commission enthusiastically and unanimously approved plans for the sleek, 1,950-foot (595-metre) rocket-shaped tower that would climb 125 stories in the loop business district.

Its site would be only two blocks from the 110-storey Sears Tower, the world's tallest building since 1974. Sears Tower is 1,454 feet (443 metres) to its roof, 1,707 feet (520 metres) to the tip of its antenna.

But sceptics in the commercial real estate industry have expressed doubts the tower will ever be built.

"I think there's generally public excitement about the idea whenever there's anything mammoth, but it also has to make sense to the financial community," said Anthony R. Manno, a managing director at Lasalle Partners Inc., a Chicago development firm.

They contend there is already a glut of downtown Chicago office space, which will make it difficult for the developers to find a sufficient number of small-to-mid-size tenants for the thin building. The building would have only 1.5 million square feet (139,000 square metres) of floor space, about a third of the Sears Tower's 4.2 million square feet (390,000 square metres).

"We Chicagoans have three things: we have a lot of water, a lot of corn and tall buildings, and we're not about to give up any of those," said J. Paul Beitley, who proposes to build the tower in partnership with fellow developer Lee Miglin.

But sceptics in the commercial real estate industry have expressed doubts the tower will ever be built.

"Some migrants in Australia appeared to have been guilty not just of marginal crimes, but of quite fundamental crimes, atrocities..." Prime Minister Bob Hawke said at the time.

Greenwood has said legal action against war criminals would cost millions of dollars, but that it was important to see the matter through even after 40 years.

He has a list of more than 600 alleged war criminals in Australia.

About half of them have been discarded because they are either dead, have left the country or are too old to face prosecution.

About 12 cases are very serious, involving the murder of hundreds of people and extreme cruelty, according to Greenwood who keeps the names secret.

"Sanctuary" names many alleged Nazi criminals, but Aarons says he has deleted the bulk of material that might have jeopardised any prosecutions.

One of those named is Yugoslav immigrant Ljeko Urbancic, now a prominent member of the mainstream Liberal Party, who does not deny Aarons' allegation of past links with the Nazis.

Urbancic, 67, worked in a German-controlled propaganda unit, making anti-Jewish and anti-Allied broadcast from his occupied Yugoslav homeland, Slovenia.

"But I am not a Nazi. I co-operated with the Nazi military authorities to get weapons for the fight against communists who were then posing as liberation fighters in Slovenia," he told Reuters.

"Yes the communists called me 'Little Goebbels'," he said, referring to Hitler's propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels. "They called me other names too. I don't care. I co-operated with the Nazis to obtain weapons for a nationalistic cause," said Urbancic.

"It is not a crime to be an anti-Jew or a Nazi," he says.

Urbancic is now a member of the Liberal Party, which is in power in Australia.

## Khashoggi

### Gaining weight

**NEW YORK, Dec 3, (AP):** Financier Adnan Khashoggi, confined to New York City while under indictment on a charge of fraud, is gaining weight, learning to enjoy the city and patiently biding his time, he said in a copyright interview.

The Saudi Arabian, once considered the world's richest man, told New York Post columnist Cindy Adams that "I do not see this as punishment, but as a pause that forces you to be bigger and better."

"I maintain a positive attitude. Life is a game... nothing is permanent."

Khashoggi, 54, posted \$10 million bail on July 27 so he could live in his luxury Fifth Avenue apartment — complete with pool and gymnasium — while facing charges he helped Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos defraud the Philippine treasury.

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# Herrhausen's murder raises security questions

BONN, Dec 3, (AP): Alfred Herrhausen's murder has unleashed accusations that there were clear signs terrorists were about to strike, and officials are looking into possible holes in the security web that had been protecting the world-famous banker.

Herrhausen's murder on Thursday stunned West Germany, which for weeks has been preoccupied with events in neighbouring East Germany. Police have already identified one of

the probable suspects, a fugitive member of the Red Army faction leftist terrorist gang.

Authorities say Herrhausen's murder resembles at least four previous Red Army Faction attacks.

But there are increasing allegations that security officials failed to notice indications that Herrhausen was about to be targeted.

One newspaper on Saturday asked how the terrorists' work of setting up a

sophisticated bomb-trigger mechanism on Herrhausen's route to work went unnoticed by a special unit assigned to watch out for suspicious activities.

Discovery more than a month ago of a wire that was apparently intended for use with the bomb is also raising some uncomfortable questions about security precautions for the head of the powerful Deutsche Bank.

"Police officials overlooked clear signs of the attack," the Cologne Rundschau newspaper alleged.

The newspaper said that besides the two security cars that normally escorted Herrhausen's Mercedes, a special Hess state police unit had been recently assigned to observe his route to work in Frankfurt each day.

The Bonn-based newspaper Die Welt reported police in other states were not immediately made aware of essentials of the attack, and speculated that could have hindered any attempts

to catch the bombers.

The 59-year-old Herrhausen was killed near his home in Bad Homburg as his car passed by a light-beam device, triggering the powerful bomb that destroyed his car.

It was the first time terrorists in West Germany had employed that sort of device.

According to federal authorities, preparations for the attack began at least four weeks ago, and included

chiseling out a long gap in a sidewalk, laying wires in the crack, covering them up with asphalt and recolouring the spot to look like it had been untouched.

The wires were attached to the photo-electric device used to detonate the bomb, which was strapped to a bicycle, authorities say.

Hans-Juergen Foerster, spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office, said the attack was carried out "with extreme precision."

## UK must cash in on reforms: Walesa

LONDON, Dec 3, (Reuters): Poland's Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa urged Britain today to seize the business opportunity thrown up by the wave of reform sweeping Eastern Europe.

Ending a five-day visit aimed at winning British investment in Poland's battered economy, Walesa said: "In the other half of Europe huge opportunities are arising and Britain should be in there."

## SA halts cross-border attacks

One more hit-squad-man held

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 3, (Agencies): A second policeman has been detained for investigation into the assassination of two prominent white political activists, newspapers reported today.

Also today, a spokesman confirmed that Defence Minister Magnus Malan had announced an end to cross-border raids and said it is no longer necessary to support anti-government groups in neighbouring countries.

Spokesman Das Herbst said Malan had made the announcement yesterday at a parade in Oudshoorn, an ostrich-farming area in Cape province.

The Sunday Tribune newspaper quoted Malan as saying it is now possible for the defence force to have a vastly reduced role in national and subcontinental politics, because there is no reason to support anti-government groups in neighbouring countries.

In another development, Sunday newspapers reported that slain university academic David Webster had been investigating evidence of South African military aid to guerrillas fighting the Mozambican government.

No government official acknowledges supporting the Mozambique National Resistance, which is accused by Mozambican villagers of burning hospitals, schools and crops, mutilating peasants, and enslaving children.

The Mozambican government has said it accepts assurances by President F.W. de Klerk and Foreign Minister P.W. Botha that the South African government no longer supports the guerrillas. But Mozambican government officials say they believe support still comes from South African military intelligence.

Webster's death has been linked to reports that a police death squad has targeted anti-apartheid activists.

Ferdinand Barnard, a former police detective convicted in 1984 of ambushing and murdering two drug suspects, has been held in detention since a witness alleged he was involved in Webster's murder and the assassination of Anton Lubowski, a white lawyer who was the only white official of the South-West Africa People's Organisation.

Swapo, now the leading political force in Namibia, was the main independence movement in the Southern African territory that soon will declare its independence from South Africa.

Webster and Lubowski both were shot to death outside their homes - Webster on May 1 in Johannesburg, and Lubowski on Sept 12, in Windhoek, Namibia.

Sunday newspapers reported that a second former policeman, Calla Botha, had been detained in the case.

Botha was a member of the Brixton murder and robbery squad, the unit that is investigating the assassinations. He and his commanding officer left the force last year in the wake of the murder conviction of two former detectives from the squad.

Three former security policemen, one white and two black, told newspapers they were members of death squads that carried out bombings, arson, robbery and murder in South Africa and neighbouring countries.

Two of the security policemen recently left the country and the other is awaiting execution for a murder.

At least 10 people died yesterday in Natal province, where an eruption of fighting between rival black movements has killed about 50 in the past week.

A police report today said that in the worst incident five blacks were stabbed to death and seven were wounded in the township of Hammarsdale, near the Natal provincial capital of Pietermaritzburg.

De Klerk returned yesterday from the Ivory Coast, where he said his country's reforms were being recognised by its black African neighbours and other foreign governments.

Police used dogs, whips and batons to break up protest rallies in Durban and Cape town yesterday, witnesses said, while a march to a police station in the rural Orange Free State was allowed.

## Labour wins Queensland state polls

BRISBANE, Dec 3, (AP): The Labour Party led by Wayne Goss scored a historic election victory in the state of Queensland yesterday, ending 32 years of rule by the right-wing National Party.

The Labour Party needed 45 seats in the 89-seat state assembly to gain an absolute majority and early counting indicated it had won up to 56 seats.

The win was the second in eight days for a state Labour Party, boosting the stocks of federal Prime Minister Bob

Hawke, who faces a national election early in 1990 for his fourth term. South Australia state premier John Bannon scored a one-seat victory in last weekend's election in that state.

However, political analysts said yesterday's result was of less relevance nationally because the Queensland election was fought largely on local issues, including corruption, in-fighting between the National Party and its right-wing Liberal Party ally and environmental topics.

## Monnet bid to end sail record

HONG KONG, Dec 3, (AP): French yachtsman Philippe Monnet left Hong Kong today in a 60-foot (18-metre) trimaran on an attempt to break a 120-year-old sailing record to London.

Monnet, 30, hopes to reach London in 88 days, one day less than it took the English clipper Sir Lancelot, which made the voyage in 1969 with a crew of 40.

Monnet, who is sailing alone, set a solo sail record earlier by sailing from New York to San Francisco in 18 days. He also has sailed alone around the world in 129 days, 19 hours and 17 minutes.

Expect Monnet plans to pass Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Cape of Good Hope on his 24,000-kilometre (15,000-mile) voyage. He expects to spend Christmas near Madagascar.

He originally planned to stop in Fuzhou of southern China's Fujian province because that was the starting point of many Englishmen who transported tea to Europe.

But Chinese authorities rejected his requests without giving reasons.

"I am very disappointed I cannot go in because it is not politics, it's only sport," Monnet said.

However, he said he will sail north and stay in the international water outside the port before he goes on to the west.

"The problems in this area are typhoons, many fishing boats with no lights, and pirates," he said.

Asked what he would do if he encounters pirates, Monnet said, "I would say 'hello' and tell them I have machine-guns with me."

Complicated He said sailing alone is more complicated than with a crew because one has to do everything.

"You have to repair electric engines, control your physical form, and decide when to sleep and wake up. Everything you are doing is a challenge," he said. "I'll wake up every 90 minutes to check things. Then I'll go to sleep."

He will keep in touch with France by sending a telex everyday, he said.

Monnet was born in the French town of La Cuzac near Mont Blanc, but moved to the southern French city of Cannes when he was 17.

He said he watched the sea everyday in Cannes, fell in love with clouds, and the sky are different.

"If you see things beautiful they become more beautiful. If you see bad things they don't look so bad," he said.

Monnet said he does not know if his parents worried about him sailing alone. "They respect what I do. We never speak of that."

## Savimbi ready for ceasefire

KINSHASA, Dec 3, (Reuters): Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi said yesterday he was ready to sign a fresh ceasefire agreement in the country's 14-year-old civil war.

"I am ready to sign a ceasefire now, tomorrow, any time, any place," Savimbi told reporters after a 10-hour meeting with Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Mobutu brokered a ceasefire in June between Savimbi's Unita forces and Angola's Marxist government which quickly collapsed.

"President Mobutu has informed us about the efforts he is making, he has submitted ceasefire proposals to us, we have examined them and have accepted every proposal," Savimbi said.

Mobutu said on Thursday he had put the proposals to Angola's MPLA government two weeks ago.

## Israel to sell food to Soviet Union

TEL AVIV, Dec 3, (Reuters): Israel is to export food to the Soviet Union, Agriculture Minister Avraham Katz-Oz announced today after making the first ministerial visit since Moscow cut ties with the Jewish state in 1967.

He said Israel's state marketing board signed contracts to supply fruit and vegetables worth \$30 million to the Moscow Soviet (municipality) over the next six months.

## Reluctant media star Priest helps homeless

PARIS, (Reuters): Abbe Pierre, a former resistance fighter who founded a chain of shelters for the homeless, has become a media star - albeit a reluctant one.

In the last month alone there have been a glossy film, a fat biography and an endless stream of magazine articles about the Abbe (Abbot), who has spent a half-century plucking Europe's poor and homeless from a life of despair on the streets.

The frail French priest, now 77, ranks among France's five most popular men and was nominated for this year's Nobel peace prize.

In his office in a southwest Paris suburb he sits with his eyes half closed and his head bowed, tired after a hectic round of interviews and television appearances to promote the film.

"I have a little room in a benedictine monastery to return to, when all this is over," he says, against a background of church music.

"People recognise me everywhere, sometimes taxi drivers refuse to let me pay. It's very humbling, when you know yourself and know how far you are from being what everyone admires." His voice is so gentle it is hard to hear him.

But a visit to the local cinema is enough to get a sense of the anger that has fired him throughout his life, that has led him to beg on the streets and rifle dustbins so that people will not go hungry.

His hostels, founded in 1949, now span 32 countries and shelter 3,500 people in France alone.

The latest homage to his achievement is a star-studded, feature film called L'Hiver '54 (The Winter of '54), currently playing to packed houses across the capital. It narrates how he fought a single-handed battle against public apathy during the freezing winter of 1954, stirring the nation into helping thousands of homeless.



Dressed in his black cape and beret, Abbe Pierre is becoming a legend in his own lifetime. (Reuters wirephoto)

The story begins after World War Two, when a young priest named Henri Groues (Abbe Pierre was the name he chose during his years fighting the Nazis in the resistance), moved to a rambling, ramshackle house in a Paris suburb.

It quickly filled with students, visitors and the needy. Food and shelter were handed to anyone who knocked at the door. He called the centre 'Emmaus', after

the village where Jesus appeared to disciples after the crucifixion.

He served as an independent member of Parliament from 1947 to 1953, but quit to dedicate himself completely to his work with the poor.

In January 1954, temperatures dropped as far as 20 below zero, and still the government refused to grant funds to house the homeless.



Thatcher challenge

## Poll shows lowest level esteem Thatcher slipping

LONDON, Dec 3, (Kuna): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was slipping towards the lowest levels of public esteem since she came to power a decade ago, it was reported today.

According to a poll conducted for the Sunday Times newspaper nearly two-thirds of the public are dissatisfied with her performance.

Even among Conservative voters, more than one in four are dissatisfied with her, the paper said, as domestic attention here was centred on the continued deterioration of her popularity.

Two days before Conservative MPs vote in the first Conservative leadership election since Thatcher ousted Edward Heath in 1975 as

party leader, the new survey also revealed a deepening gloom about the British economy.

It showed that for the first time in eight years more than half those questioned believe the economic situation will deteriorate.

Meanwhile, Sir Anthony Meyer, the MP who is challenging Thatcher for the leadership of the Conservative Party, has issued a rallying call to fellow Conservative MPs.

He made his appeal for their votes in an open letter published in today's Sunday Correspondent newspaper.

Meanwhile, ex-conservative prime minister Edward Heath has dubbed Thatcher a "narrow little nationalist" in a television interview show tonight.

## France troubled over Comoros mercenary role

MORONI, Dec 3, (Reuters): France says it is concerned at the role of a mercenary group who have effectively taken control of the Comoros Islands, and diplomats say Paris may co-operate with South Africa to persuade the mercenaries to quit the country.

The mercenaries, who head a 500-strong presidential guard, have been linked with last Sunday's assassination of Comoros' President Ahmed Abdallah.

The French Foreign Ministry said in a statement yesterday it was very concerned that "an armed group is playing a role that is incompatible with the normal functioning of the state," and it would not tolerate the Comorian population being deprived of its legitimate rights.

Diplomatic sources on the islands said Paris and

Pretoria may offer French mercenary leader Bob Denard a large sum of money and asylum in another country to persuade him to leave the former French colony with his 20 European mercenaries.

"I seriously think Paris and Pretoria will take the initiative to offer a way out to Denard ... his departure," said one Western diplomat in Moroni.

A French source said: "We cannot consider any co-operation with the Comoros as long as Bob Denard is present."

Denard has denied involvement in the assassination, telling Reuters on Friday: "We are soldiers, not assassins. Even if there's a tendency to confuse the two jobs."

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# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

EVERYONE knows that you can't relieve an itch by stroking it gently — Elaine Morgan, Welsh writer-educator (1920—).

## Beijing still has to rule by force

Six months after killings

BEIJING, (Reuters): Six months after its troops crushed student-led protest with heavy loss of life, the Beijing leadership must still rely on force to remain in power, unable to convince its people such violence was necessary.

Foreign analysts and some Chinese said opposition to the government was widespread, despite martial law in Beijing, arrests and interrogations nationwide and daily propaganda against the protesters.

On the night of June 3, troops and tanks moved into central Beijing, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands of people. The event, the biggest use of the army against civilians in 40 years of communism, continues to dominate the public mind.

"Why did they have to shoot?" said an old Beijing woman, reflecting the views of many that they can express only in private. "If they had used batons and tear gas, people would have understood and would not feel the way they do."

### Death

"The government has lied to us," said a medical worker. "It has not given the real death toll and expressed no regret for the thousands of ordinary people killed or injured."

Repeated in thousands of speeches and newspaper articles, is that the protests developed into a rebellion aimed at overthrowing the Communist Party and the socialist system and had to be put down.

"In one way, the government was right," a Western diplomat said. "If it had given in to the student demands, that would have started reforms that would have changed the kind of communist rule we have seen in the last 40 years."

"What the event also showed is that China is a pre-modern society. The constitution is not worth the paper it is written on. The key decisions were taken not by parliament, not by the cabinet or even the party politburo but a group of veteran leaders, some with no formal post," he said.

### Obey

"The only way to explain what happened is that China is an empire, where all obey the orders from number one," he said.

The events of that night have had profound repercussions, both at home and abroad, and may be seen in future as a turning point in the nation's history.

Abroad, it led to a cut-off in new loans and political contacts from the Western world, reversing a 10-year trend in which China moved away from self-imposed isolation.

Domestically, it led to the downfall of party chief Zhao Ziyang, the freeing of many of his reform policies and a hardline leftist ideology reminiscent of the cold war.

This has resulted in increasing isolation not only from the West but also from East Europe whose countries have since June been moving rapidly in the opposite direction.

A Chinese journalist said there would be no compromise with the West. "The outside world is mistaken if it thinks the leaders will back down out of expediency. It is a question of face and pride."

### Isolation

"If this isolation means slower development and falling living standards, then so be it. While the current leaders remain in power, they cannot back down," he said.

He said domestic difficulties would be blamed on the foreigners, as in the early 1960s when widespread famine was blamed on the overnight withdrawal of thousands of Soviet experts.

The leaders have good reason to be nervous about the economy. While a 14-month austerity programme has succeeded in dramatically slowing record inflation and excess growth, it has also led to factory shut-downs, rising unemployment and loan defaults.

With the slowdown in foreign loans, repayment of \$44 billion in foreign debts has suddenly become a major concern. Beijing has said vital imports, such as steel and other raw materials, will have to be cut to service the debt.

### Repay

Next year, Beijing will also have to repay 30 million yuan (\$8.1 billion) in domestic debt to its citizens, and repayment will continue to soar after years of budget deficits.

For the ordinary citizen, this means less goods in the shops as more go for export, less money available for wages and bonuses and an increasing share of income taken for compulsory purchase of state bonds to service the domestic debt.

"Worker discontent is the government's nightmare," said a Japanese businessman. "What if it is the workers who march next June 4 to protest at falling incomes as well to mourn the dead?"

But most Beijing residents rule out further open protest as long as martial law remains in force. Although the troops have withdrawn from permanent guard on the street, military vehicles constantly circulate.

"The chance will become if a leader dies. People can march to mourn him, just as the protests did in April," said an office worker. "Who knows what will happen then? There must be a settling of accounts with this government."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1586 — England's Queen Elizabeth I confirms death sentence against Mary Queen of Scots.
- 1691 — Hapsburgs reconquer Transylvania and are recognized as rulers.
- 1798 — France declares war on Naples.
- 1842 — Spanish soldier-political Baldomero Espartero bombards Barcelona and crushes revolt.
- 1851 — Louis Napoleon crushes workers' rebellion in France.
- 1893 — British and French reach agreement on Siam (Thailand).
- 1908 — London naval conference fails to regulate conditions of warfare.
- 1918 — Serbo-Croat-Slovene kingdom of Yugoslavia is proclaimed.
- 1942 — US bombers strike Italy's mainland for first time in World War II.
- 1944 — British troops, aided by Greeks, fight in streets of Athens in World War II.
- 1962 — Hundreds of Muslims and European opponents of Ben Bella government in Algeria are arrested.
- 1971 — Indian troops, tanks and planes launch attacks in East Pakistan, and Indian planes hit key airfields in West Pakistan.
- 1972 — Government of Honduras is overthrown in military coup.
- 1977 — Iraq walks out on Arab meeting in Tripoli, breaking united front against Egypt's peace moves with Israel.
- 1984 — Gunman with Jordanian passport kills Jordanian diplomat in Bucharest, Romania, as he leaves hotel residence.
- 1987 — Haiti's Roman Catholic church says it will not comply with ruling junta's request to name new member to provisional electoral council.
- 1988 — Authorities order civilians to evacuate area surrounding rebel stronghold in Argentine capital of Buenos Aires.

## Impatient desire for change

# Isolation triggers Rajiv's fall

NEW DELHI, (AP): Rajiv Gandhi's election debacle was triggered by his isolation from the people who five years ago overwhelmingly endorsed him as their leader.

But his downfall had another cause, one that he was powerless to fight: an impatient desire for change in a developing nation where voters think the fastest way to improve things is to throw out the old leader and usher in a new one.

The legacy of a powerful family brought Rajiv to the prime minister's office, but it wasn't enough to keep him there. He repeatedly invoked the achievements of his famous forebears — his grandfather, prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and his mother, prime minister Indira Gandhi.

But Rajiv Gandhi, the Western-educated airline pilot who was pushed into politics by his iron-willed mother, failed to preserve the initial wave of euphoria that propelled him into the prime minister's job after Indira Gandhi's assassination.

For only the second time in modern India's 42 years as a free nation, Rajiv and the Congress Party failed to win a majority of seats in Parliament's policy-making lower house.

The Nov 22-26 elections didn't give anyone a decisive mandate, but one thing was clear: the Congress Party was no longer the overwhelming choice of the people, even though it won 192 votes — more than any other single party.

A centrist coalition called the National Front was formed early this year at the instigation of one-time Rajiv ally Vishwanath Pratap Singh. It captured 144 seats in the new Parliament.

Last week, Singh managed to galvanize other opposition parties, ranging from communists to Hindu fundamentalists, into an unwieldy but — for the moment, at least — effective alliance. Together, the coalition controls 283 of the 525 seats in Parliament's Lok Sabha, or house of the people.

On Saturday, Singh was sworn in as prime minister and given 30 days to prove his parliamentary majority in a vote of confidence.

Almost until the very end, the gap between the Congress Party and the people was so great that Rajiv and his closest aides were unable to grasp that they were losing the election campaign.

"They woke up very late. They didn't know that a campaign was going against them since 1987. They were hopelessly out of touch," said Vinod Dua, a political commentator who served as co-host of state-run television's around-the-clock election coverage and analysis.

"Even as I was on TV seeing the results, their spokesmen were saying they were going to win," Dua said.

Singh, who served as Rajiv's finance and defence minister before his tax raids and anti-corruption investigations struck too close to home in Congress Party ranks, resigned from the cabinet in the spring of 1987. A few months later, he was expelled from the Congress for "anti-party activities."

Rajiv, meanwhile, failed to recognize the mounting opposition. He remained confident that voters would never again trust opposition politicians who were elected to power just once before — for 29 months in 1977-79 — only to start bickering and fall apart. Rajiv's mother was ousted at that time, but swept back to power in 1980 after the intervening government fell apart.

Ashis Nandy, an analyst at New Delhi's Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, said Rajiv also failed to meet the rising aspirations of a Third World country of 880 million people, most of whom have yet to escape poverty, disease and illiteracy.

"This is a society where the middle classes have emerged as a great voter bank," Nandy said, estimating their numbers at 200 million to 250 million. "But this is still a minority. ... It's absolutely stupid the contempt for the other Indians that this middle class shows."

And the middle class — the people who read newspapers, have money to spend, are politically aware — also began to tire of their government, he said.



Rajiv Gandhi: debacle

Two years ago, Nandy predicted that India was headed for a series of one-term leaders as a restless electorate looked for changes that did not come fast enough.

"Had there not been a Singh, the Indian middle classes would have invented him," Nandy wrote in an article published by the Indian Express newspaper in August 1987. "The moral of the story is this: After riding through the first of its term in style, a regime in India today tends to lose credibility dramatically, irrespective of the quality or nature of the leadership."

In an interview last week, Nandy noted that when Rajiv came to power in 1984, he promised to root out the corruption endemic in India.

But after two and one-half years, the corruption was still there. So were the unwieldy bureaucracy, the labyrinthine court system, the illiteracy rate of 64 per cent.

Rajiv, in taking credit for changes he had made, such as loosening up the economy for investment and easing strained relations with Pakistan, also took the fall for things that had gone wrong — or hadn't changed.

"All of a sudden, he became the symbol of a corrupt Congress, a wheeler-dealer Congress, a liar," Nandy said.

At the same time, Rajiv turned his back on the bosses in the party whose ticket had brought him to power. His confidantes and aides included personal friends with no experience in politics.

He reshuffled his cabinet at least 20 times in five years, never quite attaining a workable combination. One of his closest aides, who ended up managing the frayed and violence-marred election campaign in Rajiv's own constituency, was a fellow pilot from the prime minister's days at Indian Airlines.

His speech writer was a man of biting wit who sometimes peppered the prime minister's addresses with barbs aimed at the very people he was supposed to be honouring by his presence.

His official spokesman was aloof and often unavailable to the reporters who covered Rajiv's daily activities.

And there were few places in the country where the Cambridge-educated Rajiv and his Italian wife Sonia seemed to belong, certainly not in his own dirt-poor constituency of Amethi, no matter how many electricity poles and blacktopped roads he pumped into it.



A Lebanese army soldier, loyal to Lebanon's new President Elias Hrawa, sits behind his heavy machine-gun in the Muslim side of Beirut's Green Line battlefront facing troops of defiant General Michel Aoun, who rejected to step down and give power to Hrawa. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Palestinian uprising stuck in a rut

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuters): The Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories marks its second anniversary this week stuck in a rut.

Out of the media headlines, now on the superpowers' agenda, causing little disruption to life in Israel, the intifada seems at times to be shrinking into a Middle Eastern Northern Ireland — an endemic communal strife with little world impact.

Despite sacrificing nearly 600 dead, an estimated 40,000 wounded and as many imprisoned, and killing 150 suspected Arab collaborators, the Palestinians have failed to achieve tangible political gains.

"The mood is bitterness, frustration and confusion," said Mahdi Abdul Hadi, head of a Palestin-

ian foreign policy think tank. "There is no clear vision, no political leadership."

But the intifada is far from extinct. It still burns brightly in the hearts and minds of almost all Palestinians. Sullen resistance and communal solidarity have become a way of life.

"The intifada has enabled us to start rebuilding our own society, to clean the Palestinian house," said respected Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab.

Gaza, however, still rules the West Bank and Gaza Strip with an iron fist, controlling the daily lives of 1.75 million Palestinians in the areas captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

The intifada has raised the cost of that occupation, but not high enough to force most Israelis to

challenge their national unity government's policy. The so-called Middle East peace process appears deadlocked. Palestinian attempts to spread wide-scale civil disobedience have failed for lack of organization, discipline and money.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation has scored paper triumphs on the back of the intifada. Its phantom state has been recognised by more countries than have diplomatic relations with Israel.

The PLO has established a frustrating political dialogue with the United States, Israel's guardian ally. Its leader Yasser Arafat has been received like a head of state in many parts of the world — even by some European Economic Community states.

But it seems no closer to driving Israel from the occupied territories by force, attrition or diplomacy.

## Art Buchwald

# Fight fire with fire

DIRTY Eddie, campaign manager for Howard McCintic, was packing up his literature and campaign signs.

"I am proud of the fact that it was a clean political campaign," he told me. "Race never played a role in the contest — not once, even when we said that our opponent went to school with Willie Horton."

"But McCintic was white and so was his opponent."

"All the more reason for not mentioning the race issue. At the beginning of the campaign, McCintic announced that he would not introduce colour as an issue. He stuck to his promise."

"With that statement, he made it an issue." McCintic never made it an issue. His opponent, Glockenspiel, did when he attacked McCintic for raising it in the first place.

Dirty Eddie continued, "when we started out we decided to take the high road in the campaign — even if it meant losing."

"Is that why you ran a TV commercial of Glockenspiel beating up senior citizens in a public park?"

"We felt that the voters has a right to know what turned Glockenspiel on. Was it less fair than the other side showing our guy in a raincoat flashing in front of a MacDonald's restaurant?"

"I am curious about how you managed to get film of Glockenspiel and Noriega riding in the same seat on the Ferris Wheel."

"It's incredible what you can do with a computer these days."

"Dirty Eddie, I know you ran a clean campaign, but there are some who feel that you spread stories about Glockenspiel which weren't necessarily true."

"Like what?"

"Like the time you said that he had to take steroids before he could go out to campaign."

"We only mentioned it when they claimed that McCintic was a compulsive gambler and bet on his own race. We weren't looking for low-down things to say about the other side, but you have to fight fire with fire, or your election will go up in smoke. We had so much dirty stuff that we didn't use."

"Such as?"

"Glockenspiel has one of the highest cholesterol counts of anyone running for office this year."

"Why didn't we know that?"

"He keeps his cholesterol results in a numbered Swiss bank account."

"Dirty Eddie, it seems to me that the last two weeks of the campaign were the worst. Both sides took off their gloves. After what we saw, are you still trying to tell me that you ran a clean campaign?"

"I bet my life on it. We were entirely issue-oriented. ..."

"Was that why you leaked the story about your opponent being the serial killer of Gladly Heights?"

"We didn't say that he was. We just raised the question. That's what political campaigns are all about. If someone running for office is a serial killer, the public has a right to be informed. We didn't claim that he was unfit for the job."

I asked him, "what are you doing with all that stuff you're packing away?"

"Saving it for next year. Politicians will pay anything in 1990 to find a squeaky clean campaign manager like myself."

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

## Quote me

"I think sometimes Lendl gets intimidated by Becker. I thought for sure Lendl was playing better than him at the Open. It seems like in those matches Lendl lets the big points slip away. Overall, I think Lendl is the best player in the world." — Aaron Krickstein.

"In the light of this new fact, Milan reserves the right to speak to the player's agent and cannot at the moment anticipate decisions. The club, however, hopes that Gullit gets better as soon as possible." — AC Milan managing director Adriano Galliani on Gullit's contractual situation in the light of a need for another knee surgery.

"In the light of the negotiations under way on other types of arms, the lack of desire by the USA and Nato to begin negotiations on this problem cannot fail to arouse concern. This can put in doubt, even in danger, much of what has been achieved in recent times." — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Western inflexibility on the need to tone down naval presence in the Mediterranean.

"I didn't think he quit, that's a dirty word. He took the noble way out. I think Ray would've knocked him out. He was primed." — Angelo Dundee, who trained Leonard for the "no mas" fight in which Duran quit says Duran merely accepted the inevitable.

"Not to respond to these demands... would be grave and dangerous, because immobilism will penalise the man who does not combat it." — Italian President Francesco Cossiga advocating human rights, democracy... and economic prosperity if a united Europe should be realised.

"This is indeed a rubber match because Duran is the only man to defeat me. He owes me one and I owe him one. It's just a fight to settle the score. It's a matter of pride." — Sugar Ray Leonard on the Dec 7 showdown with Roberto Duran.

"This is the first time a South African university will honour a red-hot freedom fighter who has spent (24) years in prison and has emerged from that harsh experience with his convictions unscathed." — A message from Mbeki's imprisoned colleague, ANC leader Nelson Mandela on a conferring of an honorary doctorate on Govan Mbeki.

"They say about me that I purged 500,000 from the party. The reverse is true, the leadership did that. I was only the chairman of the control and audit commission in charge of the appeals against expulsions. We tried to obtain justice for those who appealed." — Milos Jakes denying he was responsible for the purge of 500,000 communists.

"President Bush and the US Congress cannot have it both ways. They cannot attempt to buy the election of one candidate and then present themselves to us as impartial election observers." — Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto.

"I am not shocked at anything any more. I'm way past being shocked at people in New York going against me. I feel like I kept my cool well and I was frustrated because I felt like I was 100 per cent right." — John McEnroe on crowd behaviour when he disputed a call.

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# Need to further assess Arab security strategies: Salem

## Interior ministers approve decisions, budget

CAIRO, Dec 3, (Kuna): Kuwait Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem today lauded Egypt for hosting the 8th session of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers and expressed appreciation for the hospitality accorded to the conferees.

Speaking at the closing meeting here today, Sheikh Salem paid tribute to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for patronising the session and commended his words that "the ministers were providing security and stability to the Arab world."

He also extended gratitude, in his

name and on behalf of fellow colleagues, to Saudi Interior Minister Prince Naif Bin Abdul Aziz, the honorary chairman of the council for his support and personal interest on the Arab centre for Security and Training Studies.

### Review

Sheikh Salem also thanked Egyptian Interior Minister Gen. Zaki Badr for the high standard and efficiency demonstrated in administering and organising the meeting and for the fraternity and generosity shown to the conferees.

He reviewed the accomplishments of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers over the past 12 years since the convening of the first session in September 1977, saying that the council has implemented many plans and programmes including security strategies which suited the foundation stage and the circumstances that were facing the Arab world.

However, he said, despite great achievements there was a need for further assessment of the Arab action in security fields to cope with development in crime in the last decade of the

20th century.

He praised the Arab interior ministers' determination and insistence on preserving the religious values and genuine traditions of the society, noting that "further bolstering of security achievements impose on us the task of continuous co-operation and co-ordination in security spheres to encounter the challenges of the coming phase."

Arab interior ministers approved a host of decisions tackling security problems and bolstering security co-ordination at the Arab level.

Chaired Egypt's Interior Minister General Zaki Badr, the session approved the exchange of information among Arab states on crimes committed and set up a committee to lay down applicable rules and types of crimes involved.

### Regional office

The ministers, who opened their 8th session here last Friday, referred a UN proposal to establish a regional office in Cyprus for exchange of information on drugs to the general secretariat for further study.

They also approved a general bud-

get for 1990 and scheduled their next session for the first week of December 1990 in Bahrain.

Reviewing annual reports on implementation of an Arab security plan and an Arab strategy on fighting drugs, the session expressed satisfaction at the progress of implementation and assigned a work team from the secretariat to recommend to the ninth session on ways to fully execute the plan and strategy.

At the political level, the ministers condemned all forms of terrorism, and asserted the right of people to struggle

for liberation as a lawful act according to the UN charter and international laws.

They supported the Palestinian Intifada against Israel's occupation and inhuman practices and renewed backing to the process of national reconciliation in Lebanon according to the Taif agreement and under the elected government of President Elias Hrawi.

The Arab interior minister thanked the Egyptian authorities for their hospitality and efforts made to ensure success of their meetings.

## Shortage of experts hampers court trials

### Dhahr cases almost settled

THE not too optimistic economic situation in the country has significantly contributed to the increase in the number of legal cases related to labour, banking, contracting and financially related judicial trials, a senior official said.

Khaled Al Mudaf, director of experts department at the Ministry of Justice said the number of experts who study and inspect these cases are totally inadequate in number to efficiently handle the job.

### Experts

Giving a breakdown, the official said that there are 73 experts working in the department — including 33 engineers and 40 accountants. This number includes 21 Kuwaiti engineers and 19 Kuwaiti accountants and is reflected by this department's encouragement to Kuwaitis to join the department. It grants them allowances that reach KD100 a month, besides

an annual bonus of KD2000 for top experts and KD1,500 for experts of other classes.

Most of the housing cases at Dhahr Housing Project have been settled, the official said and added that only two or three cases remain which are being reviewed by experts at the department. The two parties of these cases are government (National Housing Authority) and the contractors who carried out the housing project.

### Branches

Mudaf said that studies are being undertaken to see the feasibility of opening branches of the department in the courts of governorates — specifically Hawalli. The department has appointed a total of 30 Kuwaiti experts during the last two years and no non-Kuwaiti has been appointed during the last five years, the official said.

Mudaf disclosed that the

experts department will not be made obsolete and tenants will have the right to ask for reduction in rents of their flats due to the economic stagnation. He reiterated and confirmed that the rents of housing units is connected with the economic situation in general.

### Dispute

The department received 4,155 cases between 1.1.89 and 30.9.89. Translated, this means that the department reviewed an average of 662 cases per month which covered all kinds of engineering and accounting disputes.

The department is planning to establish a special office to estimate the rents of housing units when there is a dispute between landlords and tenants on the rent. The office will be run by experts who are qualified for this work. The department played an active and vital role during the Al Manakh crisis that appeared in 1982, Mudaf said.

## Kuwait satisfied with new oil quota

KUWAIT, Dec 3, (Kuna): The Kuwaiti government today expressed satisfaction with the new production ceiling set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and the new Kuwaiti share of the overall production.

"The council of ministers expresses its pleasure at the positive results reached by Opec," said State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed A. Al Rashed who distributed a statement summarising a cabinet meeting.

He added that the cabinet meeting "applauded the responsible and realistic spirit that swept throughout the deliberations of the meeting and helped show Opec as an harmonious organisation."

During Opec's meetings last week, the group agreed to raise overall production to 22 million barrels a day from 20.5 million barrels. Kuwait's share was permitted a slight increase to 1.5 million barrels a day. The minimum price of the barrel was set at \$15 for the first half of next year.

"We hope that everybody works to ensure the success of this agreement including non-Opec oil exporting countries in order to maintain stability of the international market," Rashed said.

### Joint plans

On another issue, the cabinet welcomed the new initiative by the two sections of Yemen and expressed hope that the intentions would succeed in cementing the Arab nation.

Leaders of the Arab Republic of Yemen and Democratic Yemen have been setting up joint plans for uniting their two countries.

The cabinet hailed the new plans and hoped that efforts would lead to what is better for the two sides.

According to Rashed, the cabinet listened to a report by His Highness Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah on the visit last week of the Sudanese leader Major General Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

The Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad briefed the meeting on his visit to Egypt and his meetings with Egyptian defence officials, while State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saud Al Ossaimi delivered a report on his participation in the urgent meeting for the Arab League Ministerial Council in Tunis.



Radha and Raja Reddy ... dancing into each others lives.

## Dancing couple united in childhood passion

By Fatima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

INDIAN Kuchipudi dancers Drs Raja and Radha Reddy spread infectious enthusiasm from this ancient dance form that originated among a group of Brahmin families in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh.

They are now in Kuwait to present the first ever show of Kuchipudi dance.

The couple, a living example of the dying institution of child marriage, have the distinct honour of getting the national awards in the same year. It is indeed rare for two people in a family to win a national award. Both Raja and Radha received the awards in 1984 for their contribution to Indian dance culture.

When Radha was five, and Raja 11, their parents decided they should be married. In a ceremony that the two hardly remember, they danced into each others lives. Ever since that time, Raja's passion for Kuchipudi, rubbed off on Radha. Both defied their

parents to cultivate their interest.

"When my father, a Kshatriya, learned of my secret rendezvous with dance companies, he kicked me out of the house," recalls Raja. Despite being "kicked away" from home for a week, his enthusiasm did not die. It ignited. He was packed off for studies, away from the dance groups that he associated with. Each time he came back on vacation, he returned to the dancers, practicing the dance form.

While his parents believed he was studying for his masters, he was learning Kuchipudi in his hometown.

In the 19 years since they went professional, the couple have danced before appreciative audiences as far apart as in Egypt, Dubai, Baghdad and Germany.

They will perform on Dec 4 and 5 at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaitees. Both performances, varying in content, will present all the main aspects of the dance form — Abhinaya (expression), nritya (dance), Sringar Ras (erotic) and Tandava (rhythm).

## GCC war manoeuvres to be held in Kuwait

YOUSSEF Obeid, director of the operations rooms at Kuwait's Land Forces has announced that the fourth war games of the Peninsula Shield will be staged in Kuwait. These games will see the participation of all GCC army units, the official added.

Speaking to a local magazine, the official said that the manoeuvres will take place next March and noted that the land force's command and directorates have started preparations for the training to ensure their success.

The landforces unit will undertake training on the date fixed so as to synchronise with the availability of all required co-operation from the directorate of land forces supply and logistics.

Col. Obeid elaborated that this exercise aims to unify fighting methods and field skills in GCC armies, indicating that the GCC military committee is sponsoring the manoeuvres and co-ordinates with concerned authorities in armies of these states.

He said that upon actual implementation of the training programme, high-ranking officers would pay an inspection visit to the training field to review the performance and efficiency level of troops. Special reports will be submitted to the training directorate at the Operations and Plans Authority.

The official pointed out that co-operation exists between land force and other air and navy forces, saying co-operation is very important, specially that many missions and exercises group the three armed forces.

## Multiplying organisations burden to state official

KUWAIT, Dec 3, (Kuna): A senior Kuwaiti official today spoke against the multiplying number of regional, Arab, Muslim and international organisations, saying they represented a burden on Kuwait's limited human and financial resources.

In a lecture today at Kuwait University Meriam Abdul Kerim Al Awadi, assistant Under-Secretary of Planning explained that this was one of the reasons for Kuwait to reconsider its stance vis-a-vis these organisations.

She criticised the multitude of specialised agencies, and noted that the lack of co-ordination among them had led to duplicity and redundancy of programmes and activities.

Awadi complained that in some cases, Kuwait's contribution to some organisations had more than doubled and recalled that Kuwait is one of the Arabian Gulf countries on whom organisations depend for most of their due payments when some member-states fail to honour their financial commitments.

## Planning strategy referred to HPC

By Mahmoud Ahedla  
MINISTER OF Planning Dr Abdul Rashed Al Awadi announced yesterday that the Ministry of Planning had submitted the draft of the long term planning strategy to the Council of Ministers, which studied the recommendations and referred it to the Higher Planning Council for final approval. A number of slight changes have been introduced to the strategy aiming at amending the course of the Kuwaiti economy.

Awadi announced that "we have agreed on the final formula of the strategy which the government thinks is the way to achieve the long term objectives and face challenges." Awadi added that there were no differences in opinion about the strategy although some discussions took place about foreign investments and to which areas of the world these investments should be directed during the coming few years.

Awadi also announced that the final formula of the second five-year plan starting next year, will be ready by the end of January next year and the various ministries and departments will start discussions on it during the month of February.

### Private sector

About the prospective role of the private sector, Awadi said that "this role will be more polarized with action and not theories." He added that it is not possible to plan for the private sector under the free economy system. This sector can respond with our directives and what the government provides. He said that the government is still committed to providing the private sector with a bigger role and the best possible opportunities to contribute to the country's development. Discussions will continue on this issue until we arrive at the best results, he added. He said that the "problem of economic development in Kuwait lies in the social returns of any economic activity." "Some times we sacrifice profits for the sake of important social issues but we cannot do the reverse. Our attempt now will be to concentrate on achieving better performance of the local economy by preserving the social returns," Awadi stressed.



Cuno: world-wide reputation for filters

Mohammed Ali Hassan, Cuno representative for the Middle East and the Africa, speaking to Arab Times said that in anticipation of the Africa speaking to Arab Times said that in anticipation of the Africa, availability of potable fresh water free of rust in Kuwait by the year 1993, availability of potable fresh water free of rust in Kuwait by the year 1993, the problem of water red colouration will remain without radical solutions.

With this backdrop, Hassan said that the Cuno company was established in 1912 and has gained world-wide reputation for manufacturing both industrial and domestic filters. The company has eight factories in different parts of the world — 4 being in the USA. The company uses the latest technologies in the manufacture of filters to address all kinds of liquids including the blood plasma, medicinal industries, chemicals and petroleum and water, especially potable drinking water.

However, he said that it is worth mentioning that the Ministry of Electricity and Water in Kuwait gives water due care and attention and experts considerable efforts to provide enough potable water for every citizen. In this department, HE the Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr

Hamoud Abdulla Al Riquiba had recently signed a contract with the aim of getting rid of the colouration in drinking water.

Elucidating on the role played by Cuno company and its distributors in the State of Kuwait, Hassan said that the company is very keen to provide the best modern and developed products and equipment which are regarded essential for water technology in big sectors such as the industrial, agricultural, foodstuff areas and most important of all being drinking water.

He went on to state that pollutants such as dirt, sand, rust and others do adversely affect citizens and commented that it is imperative that good filters are used to reduce or influence contaminants found in water.

In conclusion, Hassan said that consumers are welcome to report to the company whenever they face any problem arising from their use of company's products. Pictures show (right) Mohammed Ali Hassan and (left) an exhibition of Cuno products.



## New security, fire and safety show in Bahrain

BAHRAIN-based Arabian Exhibition Management, leading trade show organisers in the Gulf, have announced a new show — Middle East Risk Control 90 — aimed at manufacturers of products for fire protection, security, industrial safety and civil defence.

Scheduled to take place November 12-15, 1990 at Bahrain's Exhibition Centre, Middle East Risk Control 90 offers a sales platform to companies in these complementary sectors. Although fire protection, security and safety are of increasing importance to all GCC states, there has hitherto been no regular exhibition to serve these industries.

Since announcing Middle East Risk Control 90, the organisers

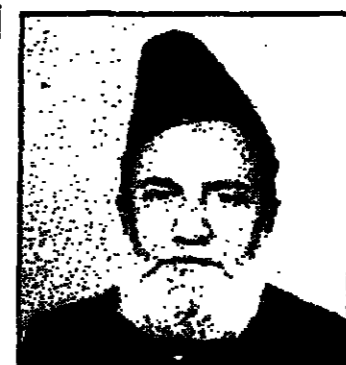
have had strong interest in the event from the USA, Great Britain, Holland, Finland, Canada and Italy. Manufacturers have been quick to recognise the increasing awareness from the government and private sector in all Gulf states of the need to reduce their exposure to risk. This has led to a significant increase in budgets for security, fire protection and safety.

Bahrain — the trade centre for the Gulf — is the natural home for Middle East Risk Control 90. Situated at the crossroads of the region it draws buyers from all six states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC). The 25 km causeway between Bahrain and eastern province provides access for Saudi visitors from the region's most rapidly industrialising area.

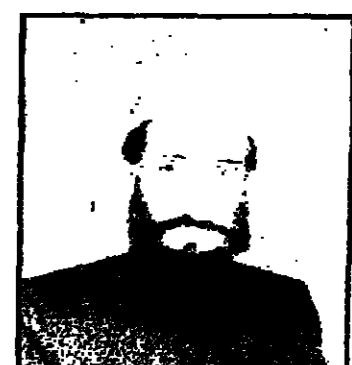
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## Islamic lectures

Upon the invitation of Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, two Islamic scholars have arrived in Kuwait to lecture on some Islamic topics. Sheikh Hakim Mahmood Ahmad Shihranpuri from Pakistan and Sheikh Mohammed Youssef Islahi from India will lecture at the following mosques:

— Monday 4/12/89 at Naser Al Hamad Mosque in Hasawi area.  
— Wednesday 6/12/89 at Abu Zar Ghaffari Mosque in Fahaheel.  
— Wednesday 13/12/89 at Aljann Mosque in Khaitan Al Jadida.  
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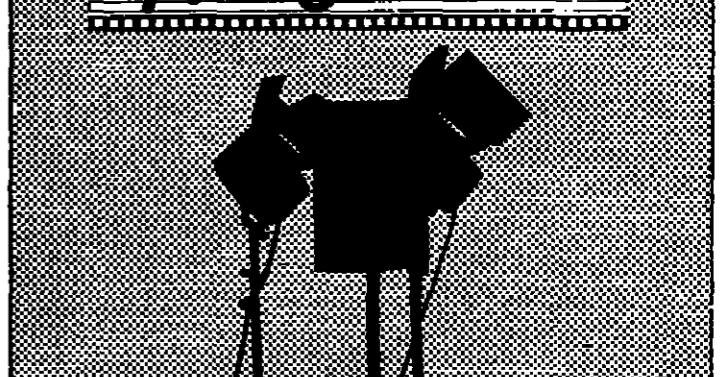
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Soldiers help their injured comrade after rebel troops stormed the main military headquarters in Manila.  
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## Civilians enjoy the coup opera

"People are eating in the restaurants and reading newspapers and relaxing. There's been some shooting outside the hotel, but there's been no attempt by the rebels to enter the hotel so far," said Johann van Grinsven, the Dutch duty manager of the Manila peninsula Hotel in Makati.

## Bombing request rejected

**"No aid is ever given for nothing. What is the quid that must be given for the quo? How large will the bill be for the service of preserving a government?" the newspaper asked.**



Rebel troops patrolling inside military headquarters in Manila after the dawn attack. (Reuter wirephoto)

Just before the coup, Aquino caused deep resentment by sharply raising the prices of petrol, diesel oil and cooking gas, drawing strong protests from the country's biggest labour unions which have threatened strikes in the coming weeks.

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# Bush defends his action in Manila

Vow to help Aquino government

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec 3, (UPI): President Bush defended US military aid to help the Philippine government crush a coup attempt and said today he would take additional action if asked, or if American lives were endangered.

Despite continued heavy fighting in Manila, government forces claimed they had quelled the seventh coup against President Corazon Aquino since her "people power" revolution swept into power in February 1986.

The White House, on the final day of the shipboard summit between Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in the Mediterranean, released a presidential letter to Congress dated Dec 2 detailing the American military action.

Bush said he saw no need for further US military action in the Philippines. But said he would do what was necessary to protect American lives and support Aquino's government.

"At present, I do not foresee the need for US military action in addition to the measures described," he said.

The war powers resolution requires the president to notify Congress within 48 hours of military action.

Bush ordered US fighter jets to provide air cover for government troops only after Bush was notified Aquino was in danger of being overthrown, published reports said.

US officials said the assistance involved two F-4 navy jets blocking air routes used by rebels to strafe and bomb the presidential palace and other strategic government buildings.

The President ordered the planes to fire on rebel aircraft if they became airborne, but that never happened because the rebel planes were grounded by the American threat, the Pentagon said.

The planes were attached to nearby Clark Air Force base, one of two major US military installations in the Philippines.

Bush also deployed a company of US Marines to support guards at the US embassy.

In the letter, the President said he did not "foresee the need for US military action in addition to the measures" carried out, but said he was prepared to "take additional action to protect the lives of Americans should they be threatened and, if requested, to provide further assistance to the government of the Philippines."

About 20,000 US military and civilian dependents live in the Philippines, most attached to the Clark and Subic air bases.

Also today, a government spokesman denied a report in the Washington Post that Aquino asked the United States to bomb rebel strongholds but was turned down.

Philippine deputy press secretary Lourdes Sytanco said US Ambassador Nicholas Platt asked the Aquino government if the United States could provide assistance at the beginning of the coup and that Aquino, after consulting with her generals, told him she only needed air cover.

Rep. Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat, a chief congressional watchdog of US policy in Asia, said Aquino was in deep trouble and foreign intervention gave the impression that she could not have survived without US help.

"I think the fact of the matter is what the United States did was to help save the day for democracy in the Philippines in response to a request from a democratically elected chief of state," said Solarz, who is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs.

"But what was the alternative?" he asked. "The alternative was either to go to the grave or to go into exile."

Solarz was in Taiwan this weekend to observe elections in that country.

In the Philippines, a rebel spokesman warned that American homes in Manila would be targeted if US forces joined Aquino's troops in attacking rebel positions.

The spokesman also claimed US reinforcements were being sent from Okinawa, but a White House official in Manila said that was not so.



'What's happening?'

Corazon Aquino talks over the telephone with defense chief Fidel Ramos telling her the putsch has been crushed. Gunfire can still be heard around Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)



A rebel soldier surrenders his rifle to a pro-government marines officer after their assault on the military headquarters of Camp Aguinaldo had been crushed. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Aquino 'sought' US bombing

WASHINGTON, Dec 3, (Reuters): Philippines President Corazon Aquino requested US warplanes to bomb and strafe rebel air bases and other targets but President George Bush rejected her request, the Washington Post reported today.

Bush and his advisers offered instead to provide less lethal combat air patrols by American jets to help keep rebel aircraft on the ground, according to senior administration officials quoted by the newspaper.

The Aquino government request was directed at trying to destroy Philippine warplanes, armoured personnel carriers and other weapons used by the rebel forces, the officials told the Post.

"We said yes (to assistance), but we made the rules a little different... we told the Aquino government that if the rebels tried to take off, we would stop them. And that's how it worked out," one official said.

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Rebels fired volleys of machine-gun fire from Makati skyscrapers and snipers shot at vehicles on Epifanio delos Santos avenue.

Loyal troops responded with recoilless rifles and heavy machine-guns, causing widespread damage in the area.

Radio station DZRH broadcast an appeal for ambulances, saying many civilians lay wounded along Makati's Passay road.

A spokesman for the US-run Clark Air Base said American warplanes were not flying over Manila today. US military planes began flying cover for government troops on Friday, hours after rebels launched their assault, but American officials said the US planes ended those flights at 6 am yesterday.

In Cebu government helicopters dropped leaflets urging rebels to surrender. Brig. Gen. Jose de Leon, commander of the Philippine Air Force, said most of the rebels had come to Cebu from Mindanao but that pilots assigned to the base had refused to join the uprising.

Practices Military Chief of Staff Gen. Renato de Villa said he expected the Mactan rebels to surrender tomorrow.

In Davao, 960 kilometres (595 miles) south of Manila, the military said mutineers tried to reach the airport today but were turned back.

However, about 38 junior officers in Davao issued a manifesto of support for the mutineers because of the "amoral and corrupt practices of the present administration."

Two battalion commanders and a regional intelligence chief in Iligan city, 880 kilometres (550 miles) south of here, resigned out of sympathy for the rebels. They vowed to come to Manila and join the uprising if Aquino did not halt "these senseless killings."

Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Biazon, chief of the national capital region defense command, estimated up to 3,000 troops joined the mutiny.

After attending mass with her family, Aquino told a nationwide radio and television audience: "I will fulfill what I said — no ceasefire. What they started, we will finish." She said lower ranking enlisted men who joined the putsch would not be punished.

Destroyed De Villa said the cost of the three-day carnage "has been terrible" for the armed forces, which faces both communist and Muslim insurgencies.

"Aside from what you see here, the destroyed equipment outside... it cost the armed forces something like 26 killed and 234 wounded on both sides," said De Villa, whose home was destroyed by rebel shelling on Friday.

De Leon said the Philippine Air Force lost seven T-28s aircraft, one Sikorsky helicopter, one highlander and one F-5 jet, whose pilot was killed. He said the Sangley Point naval air station was severely damaged when government jets attacked rebels there on Friday.

The mutiny was spearheaded by marines and army scout rangers, considered the elite of the 160,000-member armed forces.

Ironically, the most loyal branch was the Philippine Constabulary, widely criticised as the most corrupt and ineffective branch of service.

Sporadic explosions and gunfire echoed across Makati where hundreds of foreign tourists and businessmen remained trapped inside three luxury international hotels.

At the Intercontinental Hotel, around 40 rebel troops of the elite Scout Rangers still held positions in the ballroom and on the roof. Managers said the hotel was virtually full, with 400 guests.

In the central city of Cebu, talks were going on with rebels holding Mactan airbase.

Rebels, backed by tanks and

Rebel chief held

## We are in firm control: Aquino

"MY people, I am here in Malacanang. We are firmly in control of the situation. I am reporting to you the latest developments."

"At 3:30 am remnants of the rebel force launched a savage attack on Camp Aguinaldo. They came with armour, artillery, and a desperate desire to punish the AFP for its loyalty to the constitution and the duly constituted government. The rebels' savage attack was repulsed."

"We have had to wait until daybreak to bring our air power to bear on the rebel forces so as to avoid civilian casualties. That is the reason why fighting continues on the perimeter and in certain sections of the camp. But the tide of battle turned almost immediately in favour of our loyal forces."

"In front of Gate 1 of Camp Aguinaldo, government forces have just captured two LVTS or landing vehicle trucks mounted with 105mm cannons. These were the strongest weapons in rebel hands."

"Off V. Luna, we took two V-150's with markings M-421 and M-401 were abandoned."

"We have captured Lieutenant Col Cesar de la Pena, commander of the rebel marine forces."

"As you can see, we have complete control of the skies and are driving back the rebels on the ground."

"The mopping up of the rebel forces will take and will be very difficult, given the government's respect of civilian life. The rebels have taken to using civilians as shields. This is a tragic distortion of people's power. In February 1986, those very civilians came out of their own free wills to save the lives of these rebels in that very spot of EDSA. Now, the rebels are holding them at gunpoint to do the same."

"Yesterday, the chief justice of the Supreme Court firmly rejected the rebel offer that he serve as interim president. He called instead for unity in support of the constitution and the government."

"Last night, the rebels proposed a ceasefire. Our counter-attacking forces have conveyed my answer. I reject their proposal. I said they would live only to regret their evil acts and so they shall. There will be no ceasefire. What they started I will end."

"Our brave and loyal armed forces have displayed incredible courage against the enemy. We salute them. All our people thank them for their sacrifice. This is truly a day of honour for the armed forces of the Philippines and, soon, the day of final victory. God bless our people, God protect our soldiers."

Corazon C. Aquino, President of the Republic of the Philippines.

rockers, were beaten back during an assault on the military headquarters of camp Aguinaldo in Manila early today. Aquino loyalists countered with strikes by helicopter gunships.

President George Bush said in Manila today he saw no need for further US military action in the Philippines. But he said he would do what was necessary to protect American lives and support Aquino's government.



Archbishop of Manila Cardinal Jaime Sin urged army rebels to surrender and appealed for support for Aquino in a message broadcast on local radios. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Surrender, Sin appeals

MANILA, (Reuters): Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila, on Sunday urged army rebels to surrender and appealed for support for the government of President Corazon Aquino.

In a message broadcast on local radios in this overwhelmingly Catholic capital, Sin called the rebels "enemies of democracy" and urged the eight million people of Manila to rally to Aquino's government.

Telling the rebel army units to end their fight, he said: "Your crusade has resulted in the loss of so many innocent lives. I am pleading with you to return to your senses and surrender."

"To surrender this time is not a sign of cowardice. It is a sign of patriotism and gallantry, a gesture of selflessness. Most of you have been misled. We are ready to receive you back," he declared.

"How can you celebrate Christmas with blood on your hands?"

As fighting entered its third day, Sin appealed for calm and told Manila residents to share food with Aquino's soldiers.

"We must all stay calm...continue to give support to our soldiers who are valiantly fighting to protect our democracy...share with them some of your food," said Sin, who played a major role in the 1986 "people power" revolt which ended the 20-year rule of the late president Ferdinand Marcos.

"Let us rally behind our duly constituted government. We chose this government in February 1986. We reaffirmed the choice when we ratified our constitution. We must renew again today our commitment to freedom."

"We must withdraw support from all men of violence," Sin declared.



A government armoured personnel carrier gives cover to ground troops in an offensive against rebel soldiers. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Benigno murder suspects escape during coup

MANILA, Dec 3, (Reuters): Eighteen soldiers on trial for the murder of Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino escaped from an air force stockade at the height of this weekend's abortive army coup attempt, military sources said.

They said 11 other soldiers charged with Aquino's murder were left in the stockade but one died today of a liver ailment.

Details of how the mass escape happened were not known.

A total of 37 people, including several civilians, are on trial for Aquino's murder. The case, suspended for several months because of legal technicalities, is due to resume tomorrow.

Aquino, late husband of President Corazon Aquino, was shot at Manila airport in August 1983. His assassination sparked the popular uprising that led to the ousting in 1986 of President Ferdinand Marcos.

A Marcos-appointed court in 1985 acquitted military chief Fabian Ver and 24 other people of murder charges but the Supreme Court ordered a retrial after Aquino took power, saying Marcos rigged the original acquittals.

heavy fighting earlier, said some of the mutineers changed into civilian clothes and escaped undetected just before the government announced the end of the mutiny.

Coup leaders remained on the loose.

Wowed One rebel commander, Capt. Danilo Lim, vowed to put up a "good fight."

"If Cory can take refuge in US

F-4 Phantoms, we can take refuge in expensive real estate," he said at the luxury Intercontinental Hotel. Sporadic small arms fire could be heard in the district.

American Phantom jets had made "persuasion flights" over the capital on Friday on an Aquino request approved by Bush after rebel aircraft strafed her presidential palace. US officials said the Phantoms did not fire a shot.

## Coup bid blackens Christmas holiday

MANILA, Dec 3, (AP): During the Christmas season, the broad avenues of suburban Makati are a magic place of tinsel and bright lights. This season, they have become a battleground for the future of Corazon Aquino's government.

The sounds of Christmas carols, blared across the shopping district by loudspeakers, have been replaced by the crackle of gunfire.

Makati, the swanky financial district of elegant shops and posh hotels, is the last stronghold in the capital of military mutineers, who launched a coup attempt last Friday against Aquino.

The rebels were driven today from the area around military headquarters at camp Aguinaldo. But they remained holed up today in 11 hotels, high-rises and condominiums of Makati.

Ayala Avenue, Makati's main street, has been deserted since yesterday, when rebels forces moved to the financial section.

Makati is home to foreign embassies, foreign owned banks and firms and head offices of major Philippine corporations. It is also the favoured residential area for foreign diplomats, businessmen and wealthy Filipinos, including close relatives of Aquino.

The fighting has also blasted the building boom in the area since constructions have been halted due to sporadic exchange of gunfire between rebel snipers near project sites and government troops trying to dislodge them.

Fears have been expressed on the possible major damage to buildings where rebels have holed up in

case of a determined government attack to subdue them.

One building, the Atrium, is heavily damaged. It is pock marked by hits from government M-60 machine guns, 90mm recoilless rifles and 20mm anti-craft guns mounted on an armoured vehicle.

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos said the coup has been crushed as of dawn today but the mopping up operation in Makati "could take some time."

"It will be a house-to-house or a building-to-building operation," Ramos said.

Rebels holed up in high rises could be the most difficult to dislodge.

A government soldier said rebels in the condominium and the hotels can hold out with enough

food for a month in this self-contained buildings.

"They can even move from floor to floor with ease, just using the elevators, while we here on the ground don't know from what floor they will be firing at us next," said the soldier, who asked not to be identified.

The soldier said the buildings have their own generators and water pumps, meaning cutting off power to the buildings would not help.

Another loyal soldier, confident that mutineers could not hit the government positions, asked an officer for permission to test fire his M-16 at the Atrium, several hundred metres (yards) away.

He casually got up from a crouched position behind a concrete flower box when his rifle jammed after firing about 10 rounds.

## Commander escaped Op staff taken hostage

MANILA, (AP): Elite troops took hostage the entire operations staff of the Philippine Army and nearly captured the commanding general in the early hours of Friday's coup attempt, the army commander said Saturday.

Maj. Gen. Manuel Cacanando said he managed to escape when rebels seized parts of Fort Bonifacio early Friday but was forced to hide for nearly 24 hours.

Army and marine units from Fort Bonifacio played key roles in the coup attempt, which climaxed Friday after US war jets began flying air cover for pro-government forces.

But rebel units were holding out Saturday in Cebu and parts of Manila, despite government claims that the uprising had been crushed.

Cacanando admitted in a radio interview that the mutineers included some of his most elite units, including the 500-members Scout Ranger detachment and the Honour Guard.

He said the speed with which the mutineers moved enabled them to gain an early advantage.

"On the first night they almost got me," Cacanando. "A few seconds more and they would have gotten me. The general staff in the army operations centre were taken hostage."







# EVENTS



Haggarty conducting the band.



Hill, Dabbagh and Winstone on the violins.

## Impressive performance by New English choir

**By Manal Elsheikh**  
Arab Times staff

I WALKED into the busy hall. It was very noisy; parents were discussing their children, teachers were chattering, special guests sat enthusiastically. As I made my way to my designated seat, I could smell the fresh aroma of expensive perfume, both male and female. Guests never failed to dress impressively. Fathers wore smart suits, mothers pretty dresses and jewels.

The choir waited patiently in their seats. They were watching the hall fill with anticipation. They looked out for their parents and friends within the audience. They were somewhat nervous. A very common phenomenon just before performance. Tonight was special. It marked the first performance of the New English School's twentieth anniversary. Each student wanted to project the school's high achievements.

At exactly 6.30pm, Nick Harvey, a school P.E. teacher, introduced the first beats of the Kuwaiti National Anthem. The hall immediately calmed down and the audience shuffled from their chairs to greet the anthem with respect.

The senior school band immediately revealed fresh talent. They were dressed with the enthusiasm and motive that only a twentieth anniversary can induce.

The first piece by the band was called "Shake, Rattle and Roll" (Colman). It was a fast piece of jazz, conducted by Kenny Haggarty, one of the Senior school music teachers. He then warmly welcomed the guests in his bold Scottish accent.

"Stand By Me" (King), a very popular sound in Kuwait, was next. It got the audience feet-tapping. In fact I spotted Jean Chinn, the Junior school music teacher, sitting to my left, clapping on her thighs to the rhythm.

The band was given a brief respite as a classical opera came next. "Cantata No. 147" (J.S. Bach) included Ken Winstone, a French teacher, on the oboe, Gary Hill, a P.E. and music teacher, and Nadia Dabbagh on the violins and, of course, the senior choir.

A sixteenth century piece "April in my Mistress' Face" (Mozart) was sung with no accompanying music, exactly how it would have been performed 300

years ago. It was directed by Gary Hill. Noor Mukerji, a ten-year-old junior student, performed a piano solo "The Fairies" (Burgmuller). Her music teacher, Chinn sat close by in a bid to provide the child with the boost of confidence she might need. After flawlessly performing and astonishing the audience, Noor stood on stage (so that the audience could see her) and bowed. Her eyes shone proudly and a shy smile appeared on her face as she spotted familiar faces.

The band, conducted by Haggarty, then played "Gloria" (Brazzini), another extremely popular piece, locally. This was followed by "Carnival for Percussion" (Kinyon) which included amusingly strange instruments: the slapstick, the kokoriko, the vibraphone, the swanee whistle and the duck call.

The last piece by the band was the bold "Flashdance" (Moroder).

The choir took over with a more professional version of a song I learnt so many years ago in Junior School "Scarborough Fair" (Traditional).

"Maria," "I Feel Pretty" and

"America" were the songs performed from "Selection from West Side Story" (Bernstein). They brought back clear visions of the classical film of the sixties, West Side Story.

Perhaps what makes the New English School's band and choir so special is the uniting of teachers and students in a single discipline; even the school's director, A. Rodgers, is a member of the band! All formalities between staff and students are minimised, resulting in a very relaxing atmosphere, which naturally, does wonders to performance standards. This is a very difficult job for the music teachers as every year prized students leave school to go to university and new students are to be trained from step one.

The band comprises of a vast variety of instruments including flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, bass guitar, euphonium and drums.

The choir is divided into different categories, respective to pitch, being sopranos, altos, tenors and basses.

After a short interval, the Saxophone Group performed Humoresque

(Dvorak) and Cutie Flootee (Power). There were four members of different nationalities to the group, Tomasz Owerkowicz, Najoud Ensaff, Ana Abdel Basit and Aaron DeMello.

Abdul Rahim Marouf then performed a beautifully slow flute solo "Air from the Suite in D" (J.S. Bach).

The final performance of the evening was a musical production of the famous "Pied Piper." This was when students of senior one and two took possession of the stage. The production included nine songs with the children in simple costumes of rats and humble townfolk.

Even in this production, members of the staff could not resist joining in. Two teachers, Sean Kelly and Steve Hill, acted, very entertainingly, as the town mayor's bodyguards.

In this particular version of the story, the moral was "Do not make promises you cannot keep."

On both nights of performance, 250 guests left the school hall fully satisfied, proud of their children's abilities and looking forward to the school's next performance. I certainly am.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMME

| KTV 1                 |   | KTV 2   |   |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>MORNING PERIOD</b> |   | <b>MORNING PERIOD</b>   |   |
| 9.30                  | The opening and Holy Quran  | 6.00  | Opening announcement and Holy Quran   |
| 9.40                  | Sabah Al Kher, News and variety   | 6.10  | The Little Rascals. A cartoon series for children   |
| 9.50                  | Cartoon serial  | 6.30  | Wild Life "Kolas". A look at strange animals unique to Australia  |
| 10.05                 | Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)   | 7.00  | Roving Report. A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news  |
| 10.15                 | Bait Min Waraq: Arabic serial (part 6)  | 7.30  | Charles in Charge "Trading Papers". Charles obtains an excellent when he submitted his sister's thesis  |
| 11.30                 | Sabah Al Kher, News and Variety   | 8.00  | News in English   |
| 11.30                 | United Arab Emirates Popular Arts: Variety programme  | 8.30  | The Scientific Progress. A weekly local programme about local scientific achievements and events  |
| 12.30                 | News Summary  | 9.00  | Sonny Spoon "Deuce's Wild". Spoon is hired by an attorney to find evidence about the murder of a police deputy officer's wife   |
| 12.35                 | Holy Quran and Closedown  | 10.00   | Better Days   |
| <b>EVENING PERIOD</b> |   | 10.30   | Jake and The Fatman "Snowfall". While Jake and his colleagues are busy in chasing a gang of drug traffickers, he suspects that the gang receives information on police activity |
| 4.00                  | The opening and Holy Quran  | 11.30   | News in Brief   |
| 4.15                  | The World Today via Satellite (repetition)  | 11.45   | Magazine D'Actualite  |
| 4.45                  | Cartoon serial (part 12)  | <b>Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.</b> |   |
| 5.15                  | Mama Anisa and Children: Local Children Programme   |   |   |
| 6.00                  | Night chemists, airlines and officials advertisements   |   |   |
| 6.15                  | Al Islam Hadhara: religious serial (part 24)  |   |   |
| 7.15                  | Holy Quran and Science: Religious Programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjes           |   |   |
| 8.30                  | Good Evening and Local News   |   |   |
| 9.00                  | News in Arabic  |   |   |
| 9.45                  | Saber: Arabic serial (part 9)   |   |   |
| 10.30                 | Masraa Al Motanabi: Historical Serial (part 9), starring: Abdullah Ghaith, Samaha Ayoub, Amena Reza |   |   |
| 11.45                 | News summary  |   |   |

## CINEMA TODAY

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Al Andalus Shock Troop      | Sula ibikhat    |
| Salmiyah                    | Caddy Shack II  |
| Hall booked                 | Jeeb            |
| Al Hamra                    | Parbat          |
| Arabic film                 | Ahmedi Drive-In |
| Drive-In                    | The Deal Pool   |
| Al Firdos                   |                 |
| Disciples of Shaolin Master |                 |
| Fahadhel Open               |                 |
| Jeeb ke us Paar             |                 |
| Fahadhel                    |                 |
| Hoodlums                    |                 |
| Al Jabra                    |                 |
| Good Morning Vietnam        |                 |
| Granada                     |                 |
| D.O.A.                      |                 |

## PRAYERS

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Fajr    | 5.03 am |
| Zohr    | 11.38   |
| Asr     | 2.30 pm |
| Maghreb | 4.49    |
| Isha    | 6.11    |

## NIGHT CHEMIST

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Salmiya and Rumaythiya | Al Shefa Pharmacy       |
| Al Shefa Pharmacy      | Salem Al Mubarak Street |
| Fahadhel and Ahmadi    | Al Man Pharmacy         |
| Al Man Pharmacy        | Makkah St., Al Fahadhel |
| Farwanja               | Al Munawwar Pharmacy    |
| Al Munawwar Pharmacy   | South Souk Street       |
| Jabra                  | Al Nour Pharmacy        |
| Al Nour Pharmacy       | Al Matali Street        |

## SPORTS

**Victory Day Cricket Match**  
To mark the victory day of Bangladesh an exhibition cricket match will be played organised by Brothers Sporting Club on Friday, 15th December in EPI ground in Sulaibikhat. All Bangladeshis interested to participate in the game are requested to appear in EPI ground on 7th December at 3 pm for trial match. Please contact 4312730, 3720932 or 4312949.

## IAC Karate classes

CHILDREN of the Indian Arts Circle members can register their names for the new batch of Karate classes. Contact manager IAC on 3904817 after 6.00 pm.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Seminar**  
THERE will be a seminar at the DAA on "Arabic & European Art in the Light of Zodiacal Symbolism" December 10, 1989 - January 10, 1990. Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am. Anyone wishing to register for this seminar may do so at the DAA during museum hours.

### SOCIAL

**Bhartiya Kala Sangam**  
A family get-together for members of Bhartiya Kala Sangam will be held at the Indian Embassy premises on Thursday, Dec 7, 1989 at 7.30 pm. There will be an entertainment programme including "fancy dress competition" for children, lucky draw, and sumptuous buffet for members. Lots of prizes and surprises await for one and all. For details please contact tel. 5628171, 2551305.

**Variety Show**  
UPKAAAR is a newly formed non-profit cultural group of Hindi/Urdu speaking expatriates in Kuwait. Upkaar, whose aim is to promote art, culture and literature is going to hold an inaugural variety entertainment programme at Al Sharq Co-operative Auditorium comprising of dances, dramas, musical items and pantomimes on December 15 at 8.00 pm. This will be followed by a buffet dinner. Interested persons may contact 4880965 or 2615515.

**United Goans Centre**  
SANTA Claus is coming to town on December 15 at the Al Salam Hotel in the Al Dirra Hall exactly at 9.30 am, with loads of gifts and sweets for all your children. Make your presence at the United Goans Centre's X'mas party. A unique fancy dress parade for children and lots of surprises awaits the young and the old. Lively music from the "Next of Kin." For further information contact Tony 2612024 or Moses 2424293.

**Computer Courses**  
THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their Computer course on Friday, December 8 at Kabayan Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. The computer course will cover the DOS, Lotus 123, Wordstar and Data Base III+ and will run for five (5) Fridays. The successful participants will be given a Certificate of Attendance after completion of the basic course in computer.

The lectures for the said course are: Joel Bonacillo, computer engineer of Kay &

Associates Inc., Arlene Bonacillo, computer programmer; Jonathan A. Gonzales, Financial Accountant of Holiday Inn Hotel, Rudy Ocampo, Manager of Echo Electronics and Manuel V. Banez, FTC Administrator of Yusuf A. Alghamdi & Sons W.L.L.

This self-improvement course or the free classes given by Kapilku to its members will be their passports in their future undertakings and for career betterment, Kapilku President Manny Inserto said.

All interested participants should contact Vice President Sarah Macarimbang, the overall co-ordinator of the project on Wednesday for reservation and confirmation on telephone number 4843447.

The computer course is sponsored by Kabayan Restaurant and organised by the Kapisanang Filipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku).

**December Delights**  
DEC 8: Expatriates Club announces its Yuletide gala-social for children and adults at the SAS Tent Hotel from 0930 hours onwards. Gifts for all children, fancy dress, hamper prizes, lunch buffet, gifts, prizes and surprises from the sponsors and the club. Book early for table reservations. (Wilson 3918938, Val 5614506 after 4 pm) and Tony 5655056 after 5 pm). Music by Stepping Stones.

**Christmas Cantata**  
THE English language congregation choir of the National Evangelical Church will sing the Christmas musical "Meet Him at the Manger" on 6th Wed and 10th Sunday at 6 pm. Please plan to attend one of these evenings and celebrate the Advent season.

**Musical evening with Adnan Butt**  
ADNAN BUTT, a talented and versatile radio, TV and stage singer from Pakistan will be performing at the El Dirra Ramada Al Salam Hotel on Friday, Dec 15, at 6.00 pm. Those interested in attending the event should contact the following phone numbers for details after 4.30 pm: 3919720, 3610088, 4743955, 4760502, 5643851 and 5712731.

**Musical evening**  
"UPASANA" one of the leading musical groups is conducting their 6th musical programme on Friday, December 22 at 5.30 pm at Funaites. The programme contains most of the latest hit songs from Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam. For entry passes please contact Tel. 3987249/ 3986956/ 3987396/ 5643643/ 5638762/4315374/4314018.

### X'mas tree '89

CHRISTMAS is for children, and what better way than to celebrate it with the New Goans Overseas Association at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel (the new Al-Mirage Ballroom) on the 15th of December 1989. Highlights include "carol singing competition" (4 local schools participating) games for children, novelty dance and music by the Stepping Stones.

Santa Claus will be distributing gifts to all the kids. For reservations contact Anthony on tel: 5621968 (after 6.00 pm) or Julio.

**X'mas tree**  
DEC 15: Flying Arrows Sporting Centre once again invites their members and guests to their annual X'mas tree function, to be held at the Carlton Tower Hotel from 11.30am onwards. Assumptious buffet, gifts galore, exciting games and live music by the "Neighborhood" awaits one and all. Added attraction, Leo the Magician is to perform at 12.00pm sharp.

**Kuchipudi Dance**  
THERE will be a lecture demonstration for Kuchipudi Dance by Dr Raja Reddy and Dr Radha Reddy on 4th December '89 at 9am for all the Indian School children and on 5th December '89 at 8 pm for the public at Indian Arts Circle Auditorium. All are cordially invited.

**NRI General Body Meeting**  
NRI Investors Forum holding annual G.B. meeting at Indian Embassy on December 15 at 11.00 am. Investment speakers specially invited from India. Also presentation of NRI of the Year trophy. Followed by complimentary lunch for members.

**Kuwait Nomads RFC**  
FRIDAY 8 December at Ahmadi. Kuwait Nomads vs Bahrain RFC First XV in league match, second XV in cup match. All spectators most welcome. Action starts at 1:00 pm. Details from S. Hill 5391720 or G. Adams 5644533.

**Ladies International League**  
2ND Big Meeting - Tuesday 5th December at Sheraton Hotel in Ballroom A from 7 pm - 10 pm. Our programme this month will be a Winter Party and Mini Bazaar. Raffle and door prizes as well as many other prizes too. Why not come along and join in the fun. Bring your friends and enjoy a social evening in a relaxed atmosphere meeting other people and making new friends. All ladies welcome. There will be a charge at the door.

### Vishal Musical Group

VISHAL Musical Group is conducting their 2nd musical programme on Friday, January 5 at 6.00 pm at Funaites Indian Arts Circle. The programme contains the most popular old and new hit songs from Hindi films. Also classical and fast dances by young talented artists. Centres for distribution of passes will be announced shortly.

**Kuwait Little Theatre**  
KUWAIT Little Theatre, Ahmadi, proudly present their traditional pantomime extravaganza - "Sinbad the Sailor". Tickets are now on sale for the following performances: Gala Night 5th Dec at 7 pm, Evening performances on 6th and 13th Dec at 7 pm, Matinee performances on 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th Dec at 2 and 5 pm. Ring 3919759 now to avoid disappointment.

**German-speaking Cultural Association**  
The association's next event will be at the St Nicholas Party on Thursday, Dec 7, 3 pm at International Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Tickets for this event will be available at the bazaar, German embassy, German school, library and at the coffee morning.

**ACT Auditions**  
AUDITIONS for ACT's upcoming production of "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be held Wednesday, December 6th from 7.30 to 9.30 and Thursday, December 7th from 3.00 to 5.00. The production is scheduled for Feb 20 - 22nd. Parts are available to suit your abilities and schedule. Any person interested in getting involved please call 5620332 from 5.00 to 7.00 pm for more details.

**KOSA meeting**  
KOSA Annual General Meeting - 17 December 7.30 pm Shaab Marina. All members should attend to elect the 1990 committee. For further details please call the KOSA Secretary Declan Mannion on 2452880.

**Filcheck awarding Ceremonies**  
TOURNAMENT committee chairperson, Chito Barrios, announced that due to unavoidable circumstances, the awarding ceremonies for the recently concluded Filcheck First Active Chess Tournament originally scheduled for Friday, 1st December 1989 has been postponed to Friday, 15th December at 9.30am at the new Kabayan Restaurant. Other details will be published later.

### Music Night

MUSIC Night at "The Lonesome Traveller." A musical evening in a cafe atmosphere featuring performers from the Kuwait Folk Group performing British traditional music, folk, pop and country songs. The evening is being produced by ACT and will provide you with a unique night out. It is being held December 17th at 8.00 pm at the Holiday Inn. For more details, call 5620332 from 5.00 to 7.00 pm.

**Ladies International League**  
SECOND GENERAL MEETING: Our programme will be a winter party and mini bazaar, in Ballroom A at the Sheraton Hotel 7pm - 10pm on Tuesday 5th December '89. There will be a small charge at the door. All ladies are welcome. Please no children. Raffle, door prizes as well as lots of other prizes too. For further details please call Ann 5316905 or Dianne 5355598.

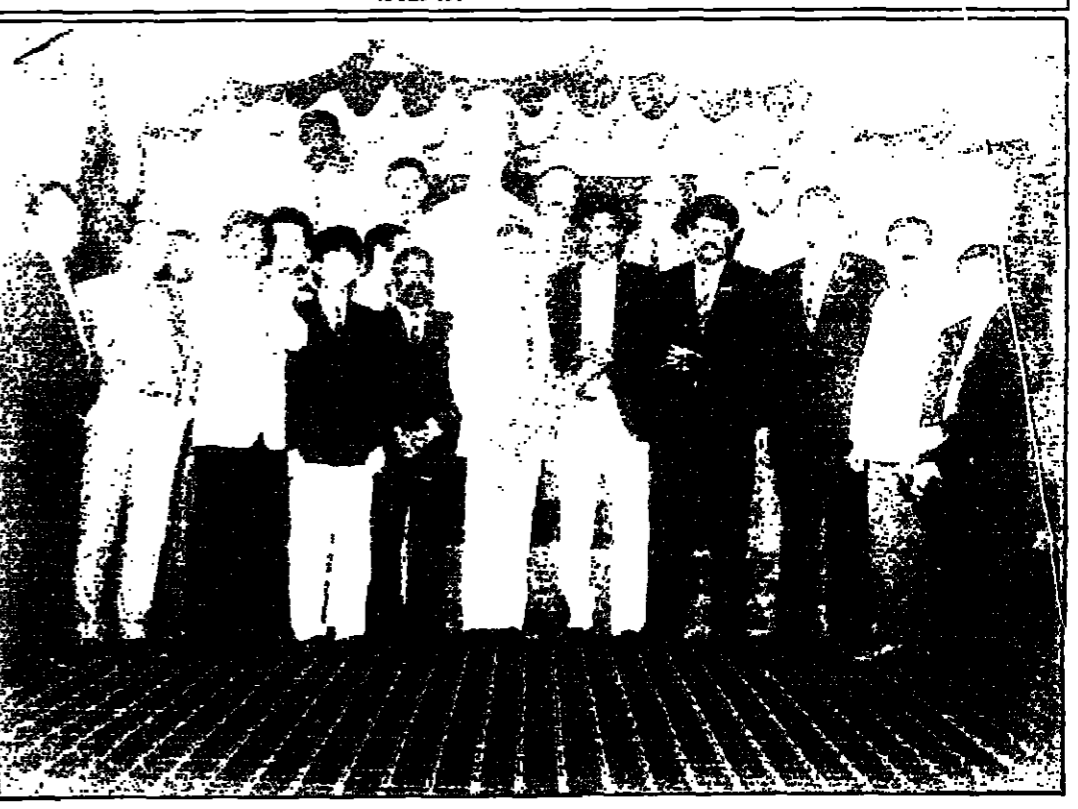
**Kuwait Singers**  
"At this time of Year" is the theme of the Kuwait Singers annual seasonal concert which will be held on Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14 at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salwa. For ticket reservations contact 5384873 or 5382551.

**Daniella Children's Party**  
ALL Danes in Kuwait are invited for the annual children's party "Fuletrae" to be held at the Gazelle Club on Friday, December 15 at 3 pm. Tickets to be purchased from Inge on 3727688 ext 207 or Wanie on 5733382 before December 10.

**British Council**  
Greystoke - The Legend of Tarzan  
SATURDAY, 9 and Sunday, 10 December, 6.30pm. 130 min. This is an extremely interesting and unusual film. This Tarzan manages to lose his primate and human families. His disillusionment with what he sees of civilization, despairing of ever feeling truly at home at Greystoke, he returns to the jungle. The case is excellent, but the real stars are the team of actors who portrayed so realistically the jungle apes.

**Kuwait Goans**  
DEC 15: Annual children's X'mas tree function will be held at the Messillah Beach Hotel on Friday, December 15, '89 from 9.30am onwards. Lots of prizes and surprises await for one and all. Top Ranks in attendance.

To avoid disappointment call for your early bookings on 2413348.



## Farewell Party

The management and staff of the Kuwait Ramada Al Salam Hotel held a farewell party in the hotel's Al Dirra Banquet Hall to Urmen Varughese-Mangalassery who is leaving to India for good. He has served the hotel, as the Purchasing Manager for eleven years.

For this occasion, the hotel's Acting General Manager, Sid Ahmed Al Mosba, Sales Director, Moustafa Al Tigan, Sales Executive, Rowaida Daher, Purchase officer, Ahmed Suliman and many others wished him the best for the future.

# Where fun is serious

UK's only circus school

BRISTOL, England, (Reuters): People stop and stare when Richard Douglas rides to work on his unicycle, but for him the trip through Bristol's city streets is just a bit of extra practice.

Douglas is taking courses at Fool Time, Britain's only circus school, and balancing on a one-wheeled cycle is just one of the skills he must master.

The problem with the unicycle, he explains, is that if you stop pedalling you soon fall off. But persistence and the occasional crash landing are eventually rewarded.

"You practice and practice and then suddenly you get up on it and you're fine," said Douglas, 18.

He is one of about 1,000 students each year who attend classes at the school, which opened its doors on April Fools' day in 1986.

Fool Time's director, Richard Ward, 44, says the students are taught movement, mime, improvisation and storytelling alongside traditional circus skills such as trapeze, tightrope walking, juggling and acrobatics.

He himself learned to juggle three balls in 20 minutes, but it took him three months to stay upright on a unicycle. The toughest skill is walking the slack wire, says Ward, who was surveyor before he helped set up the school.

Students arrive at the school from different backgrounds and with different motives.

A man with a fear of heights conquered his feelings of vertigo by learning to master the flying trapeze and an accountant from London gave up juggling figures in favour of juggling with balls and clubs.

Learning to walk the high wire is made less daunting by a stretching cable just 60 cm (two feet) above the floor and thick mats ensure a soft landing if students miss their hold on the trapeze.

The secret of learning to ride a unicycle is to hold on to a wall bar

until you feel brave enough to get off on your own.

Ward got the idea for Fool Time in 1985 while he was visiting a European juggling convention at the Belgian Circus School in Brussels. "If they can do it, so can we," he said.

Circus is taken more seriously abroad. There are about 70 circus schools in France, while in Eastern Europe circus is accorded much higher status among the arts than in Britain.

Fool Time, housed in an old church hall in a run-down area of the western English city of Bristol, reflects growing interest in learning circus skills from aspiring performers who do not come from a traditional circus background.

Ward is keen to stress that students at Fool Time are not only taught traditional circus skills, but also how to inject a sense of theatre into each performance.

"The performing arts are as important as the circus," he said. "It should appeal in artistic terms at the same time as being exciting enough to appeal to the general public."

Michael Harvey, who teaches acrobatics, says that while he helps his students master such complex balancing tricks as the stool, the fish and the Chinese wagon, technical expertise is not enough.

"The tricks are in themselves useless. They must be used in a way that is interesting," he said.

At Fool Time, animal acts are excluded. Ward studiously avoids the controversy in Britain over whether it is cruel to keep animals in cages and teach them to do tricks.

Instead he maintains that animal acts are rather boring. "They don't have an artistic quality," he said.

All courses, full or part-time, are now booked solid and the school is on a sound financial footing, Ward said.



Anti-Aids call

Age seems to be no obstacle for this Spaniard who joined the call of the Anti-Aids commission in the northern town of Pamplona Dec 2, and got a free

condom. Volunteers distributed condoms in downtown Pamplona, to help prevent Aids. (Reuters wire-photo)

## Miraculous cure to brain Aids

# An incredible gift

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida, (AP): Ron Webeck could barely walk, couldn't talk and was nearly blind when he was flown to his family's home to die of a devastating Aids-related brain disease. That was more than four years ago.

Today, Webeck, 42, is thriving and researchers are trying to find out why.

"I realize that I'm probably not supposed to be here," he said. "I've been given an incredible gift — I'm cured."

Tests have failed to turn up the Aids virus in Webeck's blood. Even rarer is that scientists can no longer find a trace of the virus that caused his brain infection — progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy, or PML — a disease that preys on Aids victims and usually kills within six months.

"Sure he's healthy — he looks good, he feels good and he can do anything he wants to do," said Dr Joseph Berger, a University of Miami neurologist and Aids researcher who wrote about the case in the medical journal Neurology.

"But I'd have to say with 99 per cent that he's sitting on a time bomb," Berger said, "that what caused his illness in the first place is somehow being suppressed and will come back."

Aids researcher Sidney Houff, who examined Webeck at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, calls his recovery remarkable, but he's not ready to call it permanent.

"What exactly caused him to survive and recover is a mystery. We had never seen anyone survive from it before. Up until that point, everyone with PML had died a miserable death."

"There's no telling what may happen in the future. I'm hopeful for him, but if his immune system is sufficiently challenged, there's always the chance the virus that causes PML will reappear."

Webeck thinks doctors are being overly cautious. "I'm going on five years now. How long do I have

to be healthy before they finally give up and agree I'm well?"

For Webeck, who says he lived in the fast lane of San Francisco's gay community in his 20s, the first signs something was wrong came in the spring of 1985. While working as a waiter in Provincetown, Massachusetts, he felt an aggravating twinge in his neck. He soon began falling down and had to quit because he could no longer add customers' bills.

A culture of spinal fluid taken at Massachusetts General Hospital eight weeks later showed the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes Aids. A scan revealed lesions on his brain and a biopsy showed that PML had infected his brain tissue.

After weeks of violent illness and with his weight at just above 120 pounds (54 kilograms), doctors suggested Webeck make plans to be with his family. They thought he only had days to live. "They didn't have to say the word — it was written all over their faces. They rushed me home with no medicine, nothing."

"They figured, 'what's the use?'" Dr Leonard Mueke, who treated Webeck at Massachusetts General, said he had to tell the patient and his family the dismal prognosis.

"Based on what we knew about other patients similarly diagnosed, I don't think we had any option but to conclude that he didn't have a very good outlook," Mueke said.

"He was sent home with two medications to treat certain symptoms of his illness that he opted not to take, but it's true we had nothing to give him for his primary diagnosis of Aids and PML."

Under his parents' care, Webeck suffered through seizures and a bout with depression that ended in his attempt to take an overdose of sedatives. After 10 days in the hospital, he survived.

## Bangkok wages war against tough enemy

BANGKOK, (AP): Handing out condoms to bare-bodied go-go dancers and charming donations out of corporation executives, Mechai Viravaidya says he is waging war against the toughest enemy Thailand has faced — Aids.

The 48-year-old development expert, whose innovative, internationally lauded campaign helped stop Thailand's population explosion, says he has "blown the lid" off a dangerous silence that hung over the killer disease.

Until recent months, Thai officialdom played down Aids for fear bad publicity would hurt the country's highest income earner — foreign tourism. The turnaround has been dramatic, Mechai says he hopes information about Aids, from television spots, skits by prostitutes and frank debates by academics, is spreading faster than the disease.

Combining the showmanship and marketing techniques that characterized his birth control drive, Mechai says he has launched a unique programme to involve multinationals and Thai businesses.

Mechai also passes out condoms at tea parties, brothels, funerals, weddings and high-level government meetings, along with brochures, cassettes and some grisly photographs of Aids victims. Witty and disarming, popular and well-connected, Mechai gets away with almost anything.

"If we move effectively in the next three years, Thailand has a chance of containing Aids," Mechai said in an interview. Failure, he said, could be disastrous.

In recent months, military Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan has openly voiced support for the Aids war, government officials have taken part in media debates on the subject and the Health Ministry has begun its own information campaign.

What most frightens Mechai and other knowledgeable Thais is the country's sex industry, with prostitutes said to number in the hundreds of thousands. Massage parlours, bars, brothels, "love hotels," escort agencies and private clubs are part of this multimillion-dollar Aids powder keg.

"The Thai male propensity to consume sex is immense," says Mechai. Thailand also attracts jet-loads of male tourists.

About 12,800 out of nearly 2 million people tested have been exposed to the Aids virus while about 30 have died from the disease.

Mechai and others, however, believe that Aids testing has been far from comprehensive, and that the numbers infected are far greater. Mechai and government officials also agree that Aids is spreading rapidly to heterosexuals.

Mechai, who has served as a deputy minister and government spokesman, said the bureaucracy's effectiveness in fighting Aids could at best be "mediocre," so earlier this year he and his Population and Development Association focused on two of Thailand's most powerful institutions — the military and big business.

He cites Aug 14 as a milestone. That's the day army commander in chief Gen. Chavalit Yongchaiyudh publicly threw the army's support behind

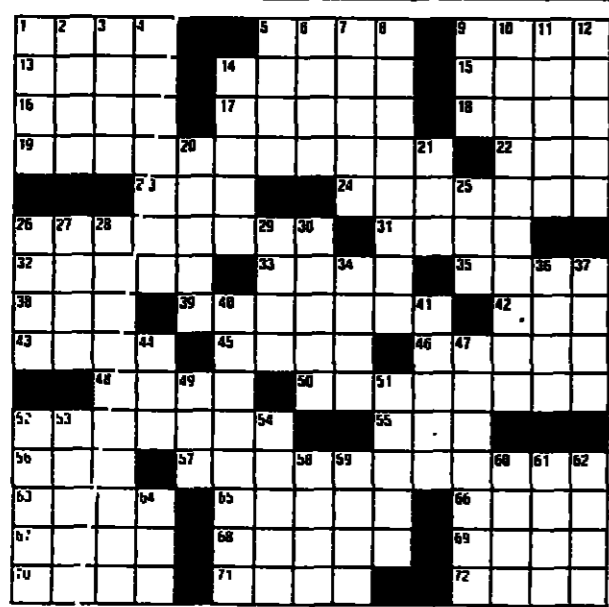
the anti-Aids war. He also offered Mechai three years' worth of free anti-Aids spots during prime time on the two army-controlled television stations.

"If your customers die of Aids, you're going to lose business. If your workers die, you've lost a lot of investment," is one pitch Mechai uses with executives, who he says have opened their boardrooms.

Mechai plans to have thousands of company representatives and employees pass through the association's briefing on Aids and stable donations already are coming in. The American International Assurance Co. has agreed to mail Aids information to more than half a million of its policy holders in Thailand, while Avon cosmetics will have its door-to-door saleswomen dispense it along with lipstick and facial creams.

As he did when battling for birth control, Mechai tries to inject some "santuk," the Thai sense of play, and fun, into his campaign to elicit mass support.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

#### REDUCE NOT THY TRICKS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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**WEST**

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The bidding:

South West North East

2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♥ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

Without such refined methods, South simply blasted his way into what would be a laydown contract of six spades.

West reasoned that declarer might want to ruff some hearts in dummy, so he led a trump. Declarer won in hand and, without giving the contract the slightest thought, decided to do exactly what West anticipated. South cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the king, and the roof fell in.

West ruffed and exited with a trump and declarer, who had already lost a trick, found himself looking at two heart losers and only one trump on the board as a ruff. South cashed the ace-king of clubs in the forlorn hope that some minor miracle would occur. When nothing materialized, declarer conceded down one.

South's play of the hand would have been correct had the contract been seven spades. But since it was only six spades, that contract could have been secured by taking a simple precaution. Declarer should cash only one high heart and then exit with a low heart. No matter what the defenders do, declarer will then be able to ruff his remaining heart loser with dummy's high trump, then claim the rest of the tricks.

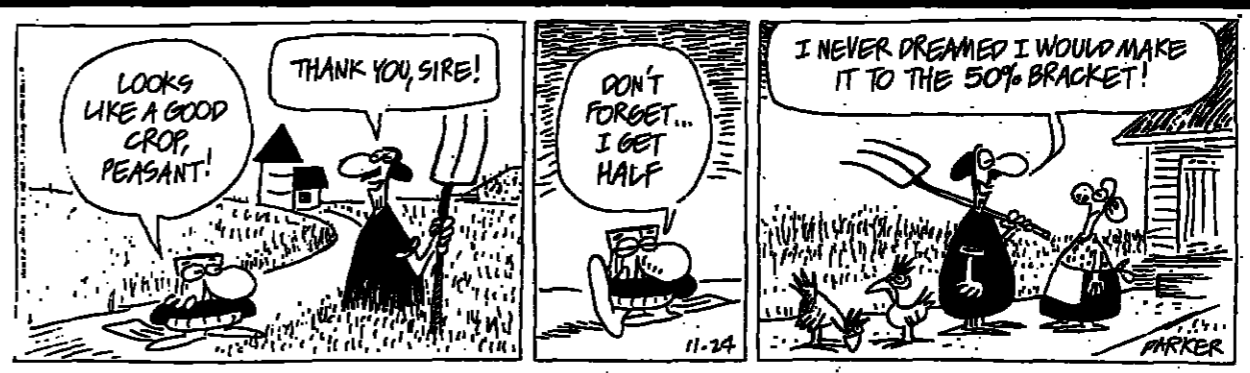
Even what seems like the simplest of contracts could require careful handling. South was so upset at not getting to a grand slam on this hand that he forgot to make sure of the small slam, and met with an unduly harsh fate.

There are those who use sophisticated methods whereby South could determine that North held three trumps and only a doubleton heart. That information would make a grand slam a reasonable contract.



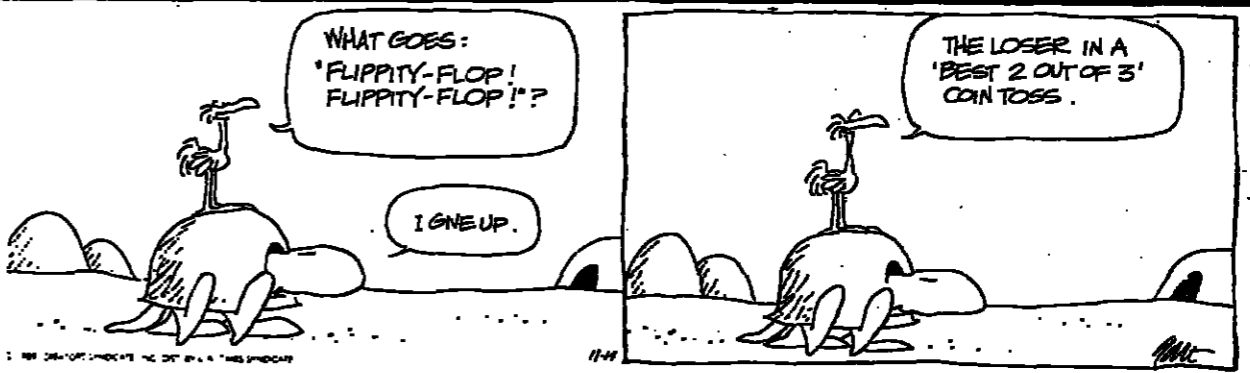
"I wonder if they spray chemicals on macaroni."

### THE WIZARD OF ID



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
- Because nothing seems to go quite right today you have a little time for leisure activities. You should not hesitate to attempt a new way of doing things. Try not to lose your temper. Be cordial.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
- Your children will give you something to worry about, but if you are sure you have done your best by them your conscience is clear. You should make sure you are correctly dressed for the occasion.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
- You are more able to lose your way so make sure you consult a road or street map. And do not be shy to ask the way. Avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Be reliable.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
- You would be better correcting things as you go along, rather than at the end of what you are doing. You will be able to do a friend a good turn and he will be grateful to you. Do not spend more than you can readily afford. Be reasonable.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
- You will have to try several times before you get things right. And be sure to read the instructions carefully, twice if needs be. Avoid exceeding any limits or breaking any rules. Be more tolerant.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
- At long last you will see how to get right something you have been trying to do for ages. You will tend to eat too many sweet things and should try to restrain yourself. Watch the small as well as the big expenses. Be moderate.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
- You will be comforted to know that others, too, are having difficulties with something that you are finding hard. You should not try to hurry something you are not quite sure about. Show your partner that you love him. Be sensible.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
- You should not rely on luck to get you out of trouble, even though you may well have some good. Make sure you are warm enough and do not exhaust yourself. And use just a little more commonsense. Be patient.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
- Something that at first seemed like a good idea will turn out to be nothing of the kind. If you try to do too many things all at once you will end up by doing none of them well. Make sure you get all the rest you need. Be polite.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
- Do not be annoyed if something you are learning does not seem to be getting anywhere; just persevere. You should try to avoid having to take measures to reduce weight; instead try to keep it in check.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
- Something you have been at tempting to master will now become easier for you. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 35. Try to look not only at those more but also at those less fortunate than you.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
- You will easily make a mistake so try to ensure that you do not allow your mind to wander. And do not just hope for the best. Make sure that you do not break a promise you have made. Be less reckless.

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Snowden: 4 for 18

## Casuals outplay Hubara

CASUALS kept up their recent run of success against Hubara when they knocked them out of the Friday Cup this weekend at Ahmadi. The match was a particular success for Richard Snowden (4 for 18) and Andrew Pinho (80 no).

Hubara made first use of the wicket and skipper Craig Shipton must have been impressed with his view of the delivery which clean bowled his partner, Dave Talbot, without scoring. It was Snowden's first from a venomous spell of fast bowling, and to show it was no fluke he delivered the same ball to Shipton (26) shortly after. The result was the same and with his stumps all around him Hubara's skipper began the lonely walk back.

Peter Hunt (4) soon found out that Andrew Pinho could bowl a similar delivery and his defensive shot was not good enough to prevent the stumps taking further damage. When Lasanta took two fine catches to dismiss Habsman (5) and Patel (7), Hubara could have done without Snowden increasing his tally with Burton's wicket, a first ball lbw. Hubara were relying on 48 for six before Martin Coulson (28) and Australian Fitzpatrick (14) began to repair the damage with some lusty blows.

Seward's second wicket broke the partnership but John McConville (32) showed how well he can bat with a well built score. Hubara finally finished with a respectable 141 off their 30 overs.

In reply, Casuals never really looked like losing their grip despite a steady rain. Seward (7) run out. Hubara showed their joy at such a key wicket but the joy was short-lived when Andrew Pinho began sending the ball to all parts of the ground. He used up partners John Arion-Powell (5) and Dave Short (2) before Snowden (17) played a sensible role in a partnership of 68.

Hubara could only watch as Pinho struck eleven 4's before capping his performance by striking the luckless Shipton for six to bring the scores level with two overs to spare. Adi Seiveratnam (3) had to do nothing but watch the winning boundary streak away.

## Takahashi and Dickens win

SUZUKA, Japan, Dec 3. (AP) Stanley Dickens of Sweden and Kunimitsu Takahashi of Japan today drove their Porsche 962C to victory in the All-Japan Prototype Championship.

The Dickens and Takahashi team covered 171 laps over the 5.859 kilometre (3.633-mile) Suzuka international circuit in central Japan in five hours, 56 minutes, 56.702 seconds at an average speed of 168.388 kilometres (104.4 miles) an hour.

Driving a Toyota 89C-V, Hitoshi Ogawa of Japan and Geoff Lees of Britain came in second in 5:57:56.632.

## Lyle heads Sun City field

# Senior clinches title

MELBOURNE, Dec 3. (Reuters) Peter Senior scored the biggest of his 10 professional wins by capturing the \$390,000 Australian Open golf championship by seven strokes today.

Senior, 30, led from the second day of his country's top golf event, beating fellow countrymen Peter Fowler and Brett Ogle into second and third places.

Senior, ranked 43rd in the world, had only two bogeys in his rounds of 66 66 69 70 for a 17-under 271 total over the wind-affected 6,231-metre Kingston Heath course.

Senior, winner of the Australian PGA last month, won \$73,000.

He said of his final round "I scored well over the first few holes and knew that the rest would have to shoot a course record to beat me."

Fowler carded a final round of three-under-par 69 for a total of 278, and Ogle, who also shot a 69 today, finished one stroke further back.

But the "big guns" failed to fire as the wind and quickening greens played havoc after the calm first day.

American Mark Calcavecchia, the defending Australian Open champion and the British Open winner, finished only fourth at 280.

Calcavecchia, who was lying second overnight, began the day with a double bogey six on the first hole after skidding his

second shot past the back of the green. He had a disappointing final round of 75.

Britain's Nick Faldo, the US Masters champion, had consecutive birdies on the third, fourth and fifth holes. He shot a final round of 72 for fifth place at 281.

Reigning US Open champion Curtis Strange, who opened with a course record equalling 65, played erratically from that point onwards.

He followed with rounds of 71 and 73 but started the final day at seven under, with a chance of gaining at least second spot.

He finished with a 75 after double bogeying the fourth and

finished at 284.

From the first day, Greg Norman, the world's top player and the 5-1 favourite, played wayward iron shots and finished with a 77 final round for 290.

In Largo, Fla., Gene Sauers and Beth Daniel combined for a nine-under par 63 yesterday to earn a share of the lead with Jay Don Blake and Tracy Kerdyk on 199 after three rounds of the \$1 million Mixed Team Tournament.

Sauers and Daniel, who had not played together until this week, matched the low round for the championship for PGA and LPGA players set by Blake and Kerdyk in the opening round of

the event at the Bardmoor Country Club.

Duffy Waldorf and Patty Sheenan held third place just one shot out of the lead, with Bill Glasson and Pat Bradley another stroke behind.

Sauers only entered the event as a late replacement for Davis Love who was diagnosed as suffering from a broken hand.

"I found out Monday morning my partner had pulled out so I went home," Daniel said. "I found out 10.30 pm that night I had a partner so I took a plane out Tuesday."

Former British Open champion Sandy Lyle heads a field including seven Americans and two South Africans for this week's Sun City Challenge which offers the richest first prize in golf — \$1 million.

Andy Bean, Chip Beck, Ken Green, Scott Hoch, Don Pooley, Scott Simpson and Tim Simpson comprise the American contingent for the event, which starts on Thursday.

South Africa's Fulton Allem, winner last year, and David Frost complete the line-up, which has been expanded from the usual eight to mark the 10th anniversary of the gambling resort.

The tournament is, as usual, tinged by controversy over whether foreign players should compete in South Africa, generally isolated from international sport because of its apartheid policies.



Strange takes a break during his round. (Reuters wirephoto)

## W. German scores first Cup victory

VAIL, Colorado, Dec 3. (AP) West Germany's Regine Moeslechner, taking a more relaxed approach to skiing, posted the first victory of her 15-year World Cup career yesterday in a women's Super Giant Slalom on Vail Mountain.

Moeslechner, 28, edged Austrian Sigrid Wolf by 39-hundredths of a second. West Germany's Michaela Gerg wound up third after Katrin Guttensohn-Knopf was disqualified for missing a gate near the finish.

In the second Super-G of the season, Moeslechner underscored her liking for Colorado snow, flashing across the finish line with a time of 1 minute, 25.67 seconds. Of her four second-place finishes, two came at nearby Aspen.

Wolf, scoring her first points of the season, was timed in 1:25.96. Wolf also has a history of skiing well in Colorado, three of her four World Cup triumphs have occurred in the state.

Gerg, first out of the start house, was timed in 1:26.31. Gerg, who won a downhill in Argentina in August, earned 15 points yesterday to move into the overall standings lead with 56 points.

Austrian Guenther Mader turned in a scintillating second run to win a men's World Cup Giant Slalom in Mont-Sainte-Anne, Quebec, yesterday.

Mader, with a combined time of two minutes, 31.04 seconds, defeated first-run leader Ole Christian Furuseth of Norway by a quarter of a second.

West Germany's Armin Bittner, third in the first run, finished third overall, 27-100ths of a second behind Furuseth.

Rudolf Nierlich, another Austrian, was fourth as he and his compatriots took five of the first 10 positions.



Mader makes a turn on his way to the title. (Reuters wirephoto)



Moeslechner (centre) with Wolf (left) and Gerg. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Evergreen rout Falcon

EVERGREEN brushed aside Falcon in a one-sided Shabbir Memorial Trophy cricket tournament match at the EPI ground on Friday morning.

Put into bat, Falcon were soon reduced to 38 for five in only seven overs with Shahid Butt teasing all the batsmen with sheer pace and stunning accuracy.

Shahid removed Adnan Mirza, Sajjad, Dawood Baig and Khalid while, at the other end, Arshed Pindival took a return catch to dismiss Zahid Butt.

Rifat and Amin Ahsan stopped the rot and gave respectability to the total Rifat hit a six and three fours in his 55 runs while Amin Ahsan hit 27. The Falcon innings closed at 160 in 25 overs for the loss of seven wickets.

For Evergreen Shahid Butt had four for 28 while Aqueel and Arshed Pindival got two and one wicket respectively.

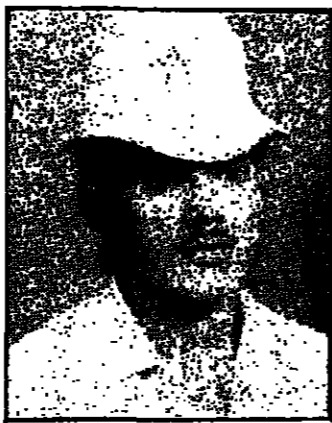
Needing 6.44 per over, Evergreen opened their innings through the ever dependable Nasir and Waqar Zaidi, who was stumped off Sherazul with the score 23. The arrival of Aslam Pervez raised the run-rate. He dismissed all the bowlers with complete authority with a series of "Balls" and "will, spraying it all over the ground. He hit seven sixes, one each of all the bowlers used except Amin, and was finally stumped off Zahid Butt after scoring swashbuckling 84 runs, with seven huge sixes and three boundaries.

Opener Nasir remained not out with 62 well made runs, which contained a six and four hits to the fence.

Evergreen got the required runs in 23.2 overs. In the final, Evergreen will face Lanka Colts on a date to be announced later.



Aslam Pervez



Shahid Butt

## Pittsburgh beat Rutgers

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec 3. (AP) Running back Curvis Richards caught a pair of touchdown passes from Alex van Pelt and added another score on a 1-yard run as 24th-ranked Pittsburgh overpowered Rutgers 46-29 yesterday in the Emerald Isle Classic.

Adam Walker added a pair of rushing touchdowns as the Panthers completed their regular season at 7-

3-1. Rutgers (2-7-2) finished with seven consecutive losses.

Van Pelt, a redshirt freshman, completed 15 of 25 passes for 336 yards for his third 300-yard passing performance of the season. Rutgers quarterback Scott Erney, a fifth-year senior, closed his college career by completing 20 of 37 passes for 240 yards.

## Monroes rout Ragamuffins

AS the Mouchel Monday Darts League reached its halfway mark for the 1989-90 season, both men's and ladies Leagues appear to be destined to become two horse races. The most successful pairing to date is the Marlyn's/Monroes combination, as they occupy 1st and 2nd places in the ladies and men's Leagues respectively.

An entertaining night saw both sides pick up maximum points against Ragamuffins, Allan Anderson spearheading the attack with a 140 in 4 high scores and an 18 dart leg as he beat Wayne Moko despite his 117 finish in the 2nd leg. Alan Walker also hit a 140 in 3 high scores, but couldn't stop Monroes winning the first Mickey Mouse and thus the match.

Exiles stayed in the hunt by holding Ragas to a draw, but a 3-1 after the single, maybe feel that a win was not out of the question. Norrie Atack had a 140 and a 100 finish in 3 high scores for Exiles, and there was also a first trophy score for Mohammed Al Qabandi as well as 3 high scores each for Steve Edwards and Dave Robinson.

Featherlights kept pace with Marlyn's, thanks to a 3-1 win, whilst Brahms & List dealt out Stars of the Yeast their new familiar 1-5 scoreline.

Fourth place belongs to Campaignologists as they wrestled a 5-1 result from T.C.F. An excellent ladies match just swung in favour of Appeals, despite 100 from Louise Watkins and 2 MM trebles by Ann Williams for T.C.F.

Marilyn Francis checking out on 63 to become the new leader in the Ladies Highest Finish Trophy.

Tyne Tees P.P. slipped back to 6th, now without a win for 6 weeks, going down this time to Cottar Hoose. All 8 players made high scores, the pick being Martine Rix' 140 and 2 100's. Diane Sime had 2 MM trebles but couldn't stop Tyne Tees losing as well, as they now slip 6 points behind the League leader.

The full Mouchel Monday Darts League scores were as follows, with ladies scores in brackets:-

Monroes (4) 4 Ragamuffins (0) 2  
Tyne Tees P.P. (1) 2 Cottar Hoose (3) 4  
Braggs 3 Exiles 3  
T.C.F. (1) 1 Campaign (3) 5  
Stars of Yeast (1) 1 Brahms & List (3) 5

### Standings

| Monday Men's League |   |   |   |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
|                     | P | W | D |
| Bags                | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Monroe's            | 9 | 6 | 2 |
| Exiles              | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| Campenologists      | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| Cotlar Moose        | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| Tyne Tees P.P.      | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| Kagamulins          | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| Brahms & Liszt      | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| T.C.F.              | 9 | 2 | 2 |
| Stars of Y          | 9 | 0 | 0 |

| GF | GA | Pts |               |
|----|----|-----|---------------|
| 36 | 12 | 14  | Marlynz       |
| 37 | 17 | 14  | Featherlights |
| 31 | 23 | 11  | Nightlights   |
| 30 | 24 | 11  | Appealers     |
| 27 | 27 | 10  | Tyne Tensers  |
| 28 | 26 | 8   | Cottar Hoos   |
| 26 | 28 | 8   | Stars of Y    |
| 19 | 29 | 6   | T.C.F.        |
| 21 | 33 | 6   | Ragabags      |
| 9  | 45 | 0   |               |

| Monday Ladies' League |   |   |   |     | Monday Ladies' League |    |    |   |     |    |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|-----------------------|----|----|---|-----|----|
| P                     | W | D | L | Pts | P                     | W  | D  | L | Pts |    |
| 1                     | 6 | 2 | 0 | 36  | 12                    | 14 | 1  | 6 | 2   | 36 |
| 2                     | 6 | 2 | 0 | 36  | 12                    | 14 | 2  | 5 | 1   | 31 |
| 3                     | 4 | 3 | 1 | 22  | 31                    | 23 | 3  | 4 | 1   | 27 |
| 4                     | 4 | 3 | 1 | 22  | 30                    | 24 | 4  | 3 | 1   | 27 |
| 5                     | 4 | 2 | 2 | 20  | 27                    | 20 | 5  | 2 | 2   | 26 |
| 6                     | 2 | 4 | 2 | 16  | 28                    | 26 | 6  | 2 | 3   | 26 |
| 7                     | 2 | 4 | 2 | 16  | 26                    | 28 | 7  | 1 | 4   | 23 |
| 8                     | 2 | 2 | 4 | 12  | 29                    | 29 | 8  | 1 | 4   | 23 |
| 9                     | 2 | 2 | 4 | 12  | 21                    | 33 | 9  | 1 | 4   | 23 |
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